INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

86-82

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action ARA

ZZ RUEH
THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN PASSED USIB AGENCIES

Info SS G SP SAH L H P USIA NSC INR AID PC O SCA SCS A OPR OC SY RMR

XCRITIC XCRITIC XCRITIC XCRITIC XCRITIC 20908
.....
ZCZC
ZZ YEKAAH
DE YEKADL 24/2050Z APR
ZKZK ZZ ZZZ DE
Z 242040Z ZYH
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO DIRNSA
ZEM
C O N F I D E N T I A L CRITIC ONE APRIL 24

1965 APR 24 PM 5 04

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW NARS, Date 3-22-76

SANTO DOMINGO RIFE WITH RUMORS OF COUP, PROMOTED BY ANNOUNCEMENT OVER TWO RADIO STATIONS THAT NUMBER OF ARMY OFFICERS, INCLUDING ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF RIVERA CUESTA, HAD BEEN ARRESTED. WORD OF OVERTHROW OF GOVERNMENT SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE AND BROUGHT CROWDS INTO STREET, MUCH HORN-HONKING, AND CONCENTRATION OF SOME 1000 PERSONS AT PALACE, WHO DISPERSED BY WATER TRUCK. [CAS REPORTS] THREE OF GROUP WOUNDED BY POLICE FIRE.

GODR AB ABOUT 3 P.M. ANNOUNCED NATION-WIDE CURFEW (TOQUE DE QUEDA) AS OF 6 P.M. TONIGHT OVER RADIO SANTO DOMINGO. STATION WAS TAKEN OVER SHORTLY AFTER BY GROUP CLAIMING REPRESENT "YOUNG AND HONEST" MILITARY OFFICERS WHO URGED PEOPLE ALL OVER COUNTRY TO GO TO STREETS TO CELEBRATE, WITH "ENTHUSIASM BUT WITH ORDER", OVERTHROW OF REGIME. STATED WERE BROADCASTING OVER "RADIO SANTO DOMINGO LIBRE" AND MADE REPEATED CALLS TO ALL "CONSTITUTIONAL" FORCES TO UNITE AGAINST "EXPLOITERS". DENIED GODR WAS IN POSITION IMPOSE CURFEW AND CLAMORED FOR RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONALITY. ONE ANNOUNCER CALLED FOR RETURN OF JUAN BOSCH.

AT THIS STAGE, WE BELIEVE GODR IN SERIOUS STRAIGHTS BUT HAVE NO SOLID EVIDENCE IT IN FACT OVERTHROWN. TAKING OVER OF RADIO SANTO DOMINGO APPEARS ISOLATED INCIDENT, SO FAR UNACCOMPANIED BY CAPTURE OF OTHER IMPORTANT INSTALLATIONS. PEOPLE ARE ON STREETS IN FAIRLY LARGE NUMBERS, AND PALACE IS SURROUNDED BY TANKS AND OTHER ARMOR. RADIO ABC, ALSO APPARENTLY IN REBEL HANDS, ANNOUNCED AT 3:30 P.M. THAT COLONEL MORILLO HAD JUST LEFT SAN ISIDRO WITH COLUMN OF TANKS TO ATTEMPT RECAPTURE RADIO SANTO DOMINGO. AS OF 3:35 P.M. REBEL EXHORTATIONS HEARD OVER FOUR RADIO STATIONS.

GP-3
COMMITT

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/24/65, 5:06 PM

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

2

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

86

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action

ZCZCZIB483SPB827

20912

ARA

1965 APR 24 PM 5 48

Info

ZZ RUEH

THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN PASSED USIB AGENCIES

SS

G

XCRITIC XCRITIC XCRITIC XCRITIC XCRITIC

SP

SAH

ZCZC

L

ZZ YEKAAH

H

DE YEKADL 24/2229Z APR

P

ZKZK ZZ ZZZ DE

Z 242203Z ZYH

USIA

FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

NSC

TO DIRNSA

INR

ZEN

AID

C O N F I D E N T I A L CRITIC TWO APRIL 24

PC

O

SY

SCA

SCS

A

OPR

OC

RMR

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

AT 3:50 P.M. RADIO SANTO DOMINGO WAS RECAPTURED BY GODR. POLICE COLONEL RAMON ADAMES OVALLE CAME ON AIR TO DENY REGIME OVERTHROWN, CHARGED SITUATION CAUSED BY RADIO ANNOUNCERS OF RADIO CRISTAL AND RADIO COMERCIAL WHO, HE SAID, HAD BEEN ARRESTED. STATION REPEATED REGIME NOT OVERTHROWN, URGED EVERYONE GO HOME AND HAS CONTINUED BROADCAST REASSURANCES. ALL OTHER STATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE TEMPORARILY IN "REBEL" HANDS, NOW BROADCASTING ONLY MUSIC. JUST BEFORE THEY WENT OFF AIR, REBELS HAD BROADCAST APPEALS THAT ALL TAXI DRIVERS BRING PEOPLE DOWNTOWN AREA, AND THAT PORT WORKERS, AND PARTICULARLY WORKERS OF US-OWNED CENTRAL ROMANA CORPORATION AT LA ROMANA, GO INTO STREETS IN "PEACEFUL" DEMONSTRATIONS.

ARMA REPORTS ARMY JEFEATURA IN REBEL HANDS UNDER LT. COL. JORGE LEONIDAS CHENG CONTRERAS WHO SAID PLAN IS FOR ARMY TAKE OVER AND ESTABLISH MILITARY JUNTA UNDER LT. COLONEL MIGUEL ANGEL HERANDO RAMIREZ (NEWLY APPOINTED HEAD OF G-3), WHO IS RINGLEADER OF MOVEMENT. HERNANDO REPORTEDLY HAS ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF RIVERA CUESTA UNDER DETENTION.

ATTACHE SOURCES REPORT UPRISING CONFINED TO JUNIOR AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS IN ARMY. ELEMENTS OTHER SERVICES NOT KNOWN BE PARTICIPATING IN MOVEMENT. BOTH NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF RIVERA CAMINERO AND AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF DE LOS SANTOS HAVE

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

ASSURED US THEY BACKING GODR. TRAINING CENTER COMMANDER VESSIN Y VESSIN'S POSITION NOT YET CLEAR. RIVERA CAMINERO TOLD AIRA HE SENDING DETACHMENT OF SAILORS TO PROTECT RIVERA CUESTA'S WIFE AND HOME.

CONSUL SANTIAGO REPORTS NO SIGNS UNUSUAL ACTIVITY THERE.
GP-3
CONNETT
BT
ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/24/65, 5:47 PM

3

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

86

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action
ARA

ES:265EXX217SDA822
OOSUENCR
DE RUESSD 822 25/0002Z
O 2A235Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1034
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKNC/CINCLANT
RUEHDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
DT

20914

1965 APR 24 PM 7 17

Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
M
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
OPR
OC
RMR

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 24

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE

REF: CRITIC NO. 2

SITUATION UNCLEAR ALTHOUGH GOOR SUCCESSFUL IN RETAINING MOST IMPORTANT MAINSTAYS OF ITS MILITARY SUPPORT IN SANTO DOMINGO. ARMA HAS REPORTED THAT VESSIN IS FULLY BEHIND REGIME AND HAS SENT TWELVE TANKS AND TROOP CONTINGENT TO PROTECT PALACE. ON OTHER HAND, CAS SOURCE REPORTED AT 6 PM THAT THIRD BRIGADE OF WESTERN MILITARY COMMAND AT SAN JUAN DE LA MAGUANA WAS IN REBEL HANDS. ATTACHES INCLINED DOUBT THIS REPORT AND FEEL BRIGADE WOULD REMAIN LOYAL TO REGIME.

CRITICS ONE AND TWO SENT CINCSO AND CINCLANT IMMEDIATE.

GP-3
CONNETT
DT
CFN 1034 24 2 6

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/24/65, 7:19 PM
NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE 4/24/65, 7:20 PM
PASSED CIA 4/24/65, 8 PM

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

4

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

86

Action ES 267EXX219SDA2825 1965 APR 24 PM 7 53

ARA 00 RUENCR
DE RUESSD 825 25/0042Z
Info O 250032Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO IMMEDIATE 1035 20909
SS TO RUENCR/SECSTATE WASHDC
G INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
SP RUCKNC/CINCLANT
SAH RUEKDA/DOD
L STATE GRNC
H BT
P C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 24
CU CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS
USIA JOINT STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE
NSC
INR RE: EMBTEL 1034
NSA
AID REID JUST PHONED AIRATT TO SAY HE PLANS ENCIRCLE ARMY JEFATURA
PC NORTH OF CAPITAL ON SANTIAGO ROAD, WHICH STILL IN REBEL HANDS, WITH
E TROOPS AND WEAPONS. ALSO INTENDS CUT OFF UTILITIES, AND TO
O EXTENT POSSIBLE, COMMUNICATIONS.
SY
SCA MEANWHILE, ATTACHE SOURCE REPORTS NEWSMAN CONTACTED ONE OF REBEL
SCS LEADERS (CAPT. RIVERA PENA) AT JEFATURA TO SEEK PERSUADE REBELS
A TO NEGOTIATE. RIVERA PENA REFUSED.
PER CITY REPORTED REASONABLY QUIET, ALTHOUGH CURFEW NOT YET BEING
OPR STRICTLY ENFORCED. POLICE CAPTAIN AND ENLISTED MAN REPORTED
OC SHOT EARLIER IN AFTERNOON.
RMR
AIRPORT CLOSED DOWN AND FLIGHTS NOT EXPECTED RESUME UNTIL CURFEW LIFTED AT 6:00 AM TOMORROW.

NAVATT HAS TAKEN ACTION TO CANCEL SCHEDULED VISIT TOMORROW OF COAST GUARD CUTTER ANDROSCOGGIN.

SO FAR AS WE KNOW ALL AMERICANS, INCLUDING VISITING UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN JAZZ BAND, ALL SAFE. BAND PLANS DEPART SUNDAY MORNING FOR KINGSTON AS SCHEDULED.
CONNETT
BT
CFN 6:00
ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/24/65, 7:56 PM
NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 4/24/65, 8:10 PM
PASSED US COAST GUARD 4/24/65, 8:20 PM (PER CWO-L)

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

5

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

86

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action

20929

ARA

ESA271(EXX221SDA823

1955 APR 24 PM 9 55

Info

00 RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 833 25/0238Z
O 250228Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1036
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT

SS
G
SP
SAP
L
P
PSIA
NSC
INR
NSA
AID
PM
D
SY
SIA
SCS
A
OPR
OC
RMA

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 24

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE

REF: EMBTEL 1035

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

DONALD REID ADDRESSED NATION ON RADIO AND TELEVISION AT 8:35 PM. REPORTED NATION CALM AND UNDER ABSOLUTE CONTROL OF GCDR EXCEPT FOR TWO ARMY BASES: 27TH FEBRUARY, JUST OUTSIDE SANTO DOMINGO, WHICH INCLUDES JEFATURA, ARTILLERY GROUP AND SECOND (SANCHEZ) BATALLION; AND 16TH AUGUST, SOME 25 KILOMETERS OUTSIDE SANTO DOMINGO ON SANTIAGO HIGHWAY, WHICH HOUSES 1ST (UARTE) BATALLION.
CFN - 1036 24 1035 8:35 27TH 25 16TH 1ST

PAGE TWO RUESSD 833 C O N F I D E N T I A L
REID ISSUED THEM ULTIMATUM, STATING THAT IF THEY DO NOT SURRENDER BY FIVE AYEM (5 AM) TOMORROW THAT LOYAL TROOPS, PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN SURROUNDING THEM, WILL TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES AGAINST THEM. WARNED PEOPLE LIVING NEAR CAMPS TO LEAVE AREAS IN CASE MILITARY ACTION NECESSARY. URGED ALL REBEL TROOPS LAY DOWN ARMS AND SURRENDER THEMSELVES TO ARMY'S INTENDENCIA GENERAL IN SANTO DOMINGO DURING NIGHT, PROMISING THEIR LIVES AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING WOULD BE RESPECTED.

REID EXHORTED ALL CITIZENS TO RESPECT CURFEW ENDING 6 AM TOMORROW, AND ANNOUNCED THAT ELEMENTS OF ALL SERVICES, INCLUDING TRAINING CENTER AND POLICE, ARE PATROLLING STREETS TO KEEP ORDER AND PROTECT PROPERTY.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

3

REID BEGAN BROADCAST BY CONFIRMING THAT REBELS HAD EARLY THIS AFTERNOON ARRESTED RIVERA CUESTA AND ADDED THEY ALSO ARRESTED DEPUTY ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF COLONEL MAXIMILIANO AMERICO RUIZ BATISTA AND UNDETERMINED (BUT APPARENTLY SMALL) NUMBER OTHER OFFICERS. SAID REBELS HAD TAKEN RADIO SANTO DOMINGO UNTIL IT RE-TAKEN BY TROOPS LOYAL TO GODR.

REID'S REMARKS CARRIED OVER RADIO SANTO DOMINGO, WITH WHICH NINE RADIO STATIONS REMAINING ON AIR ARE IN CHAIN. OTHER STATIONS HAD LEFT AIR BY ABOUT 6:30 PM. ONE STATION ANNOUNCED JUST BEFORE IT WENT OFF THAT AIRPORT WOULD BE CLOSED THROUGH TOMORROW.

GP-3
CONNETT
BT
ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/24/65, 10 PM
NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 4/24/65, 10:05 PM

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

5

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

20932

1965 APR 24 PM 11 49

IMMEDIATE

Action
ARA
Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
SIL
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC
IAB
RMR

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-79

00 RUEHCR R
DE RUESSD 837 25/0337Z
O 250303Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC INMEDIATE 1037
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 24

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE

REF: EMBTEL 1036

QUESTION OF POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT IN INSURRECTION PLOT STILL RATHER UNCLEAR. THUS FAR WE HAVE NO FIRM INFORMATION TYING ANY POLITICAL GROUPING DIRECTLY TO PLOT, BUT THOSE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN TEMPORARY TAKEOVER OF RADIO SANTO DOMINGO ARE OF LEFTIST PRD ILK.

GROUPS IN STREETS OF CAPITAL SHOWED PREDOMINANTLY PRO-BOSCH (SPRINKLED WITH PRO-BALAGUER) SENTIMENT, BUT THIS PROBABLY LARGELY SPONTANEOUS. SOME OF YOUNG TOUGHS WHO TRIED TO PROVOKE TROUBLE IN STREETS UNDOUBTEDLY EXTREMISTS. SEVERAL EXTREMIST LABOR LEADERS REPORTED ARRESTED ALONG WITH UNKNOWN BUT FAIRLY LARGE NUMBER OF OTHERS.

BASED ON RECENT PLOTTING, BOTH PRD AND PARTIDO REFORMISTA MUST BE SUSPECTED, AS WELL AS EXTREMISTS. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION, HOWEVER, THAT TIES PARTIDO REFORMISTA TO TODAY'S EFFORT. NUMBER ONE LOCAL PARTY MAN, AUGUSTO LORA, REPORTEDLY WAS IN SANTIAGO AT MIDDAY TODAY. PRO-BALAGUER PRDC PRESIDENT RAMON CASTILLO TOLD EMBOFF HE HAD BEEN TAKEN BY SURPRISE, BUT RECALLED THAT HE HAD ONLY WEEK AGO PREDICTED JUNIOR OFFICERS WOULD SOON TRY SOMETHING (HE HAD). SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH SEVERAL REFORMISTA LEADERS (INCLUDING LORA) AND WAS CONVINCED THEY NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED. HE POINTED FINGER AT PRD AND EXTREME LEFT. REFORMISTA OFFICIAL WITH WHOM EMBOFF TALKED SHORTLY BEFORE OUTBREAK TALKED CALMLY OF PARTY ELECTORAL PLANS AND REVEALED NO EXPECTATION OF TROUBLE.

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT CERTAIN WELL-KNOWN PRD FIGURES WERE IN FORE-FRONT ALMOST FROM OUTSET TODAY. FIRST REPORTS OF INSURREC-

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

TION CAME OVER RADIO CRISTAL AND RADIO COMERCIAL, STATIONS OWNED BY PRD'S FINANCE SECRETARY JOSE BREA PEÑA. (BOTH STATIONS WERE SHUT DOWN IN MID-AFTERNOON.) ACCORDING TO HEAD OF RADIO SANTO DOMINGO, GROUP THAT TEMPORARILY TOOK OVER BROADCASTING THERE CONSISTED OF SOME 12-15 PERSONS, INCLUDING THREE ARMY SERGEANTS, ONE RETIRED OFFICER, AND A GROUP FROM THE TWO BREA-OWNED STATIONS: PRD EXECUTIVE AND PARTY'S RADIO BROADCASTER JOSE FRANCISCO PEÑA GOMEZ, TOMAS PUJOLS SANADIA, MARIO BAEZ ASUNCION, AND BROTHER LUIS A. BAEZ ASUNCION. OTHERS WERE PRD EXECUTIVE AND PROFESSIONAL AGITATOR MANUEL FERNANDEZ MARMOL AND AN EXTREMIST AGENT OF UNKNOWN PRESENT AFFILIATION, LUIS ACOSTA TEJEDA. DURING THEIR BRIEF BROADCASTING SPAN, EXECUTIVE OF EXTREMIST-CONTROLLED DOCK WORKERS UNION POASI APPEALED TO WORKERS TO GO TO STREETS, AS DID PRD LABOR LEADER MIGUEL SOTO. SOTO, PENA, FERNANDEZ ALL REPORTED ARRESTED; OTHERS IN GROUP PRESUMABLY ARRESTED ALSO.

IN CONTRAST, PRD SECRETARY GENERAL ANTONIO MARTINEZ WAS IN PRIVATE RETREAT IN SOUTHEAST TODAY AND RUSHED BACK TO CAPITAL ON HEARING RADIO REPORTS. HE ASSURED EMBOFF PARTY NOT INVOLVED IN COUP EFFORT AND CHARACTERIZED PRD PARTICIPANTS AS HOTHEADS AND AGITATORS. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER COMMUNIST ACTIVITY. BUT ATTRIBUTED COUP TO DISSATISFACTION OF JUNIOR OFFICERS AND NONCOMS, WHICH HE BELIEVED LESS POLITICAL THAN MATTER OF INTERNAL MILITARY UNREST. HOWEVER, MARTINEZ IS PRO-AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN (WILLYS DEALER) WHO HAS RECENTLY ATTEMPTED EXERCISE MODERATING INFLUENCE ON PRD, AND WHO UNLIKELY HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO CONFIDENCE OF ANY COUP-PROMOTERS WITHIN HETEROGENEOUS PARTY.

EMBOFF TALKED WITH SOCIAL CHRISTIAN LABOR MOVEMENT LEADER, HENRY MOLINA, DURING AFTERNOON. MOLINA WAS AT HOME LISTENING TO RADIO. CLAIMED TO BE TAKEN BY SURPRISE. OTHER PARTIES NOT ACCOUNTED FOR YET, BUT THUS FAR WE HAVE NO INFORMATION CONNECTING ANY TO PLOT.

GP-3
CONNETT

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 11:51 P.M. APRIL 24
PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 12:10 A.M. APRIL 25

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

7

5

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

20945

Action
ARA
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC
RMR

Info

00 RUENCR
DE RUESSD 849 25/0553Z
O 250534Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUENCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1038
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT

1975 APR 25 AM 2 23

IMMEDIATE

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 25

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE

NO MATERIAL CHANGE IN SITUATION AT MIDNIGHT. HOWEVER, SINCE END OF MEETING REPORTED JANAF C-27, AIRATT HAS TWICE BEEN ASSURED BY AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF DE LOS SANTOS THAT AIR FORCE NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN. EMBASSY SOURCE HAS JUST CALLED WITH REPORT THAT VESSIN TALKING CONFIDENTLY OF ABILITY CONTROL SITUATION. ANTONIO IMBERT AND COL. ADRIANO VALDEZ, WHO WENT FROM PALACE TO 27 OF FEBRUARY CAMP TO TRY TO TALK TO REBELS, HAVE REPORTEDLY NOT RETURNED YET. (MEDIATION OFFER REPORTED EMBTEL 1035 REPORTEDLY CAME FROM RAFAEL BONILLA AYBAR AND IS NOT KNOWN TO HAVE HAD GODR SANCTION.)

NO NEW STATEMENT FROM GODR EXCEPT ONE THAT ALL CIVILIANS LIVING NEAR TWO CAMPS AFFECTED SHOULD BE READY FOR EVACUATION AT 5 AM. PALACE PRESS OFFICE INFORMS US IT HAS NOTHING IN MILL AT PRESENT.

EMBASSY SOURCE WHO RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM SAN JUAN DE LA MAGUANA REPORTS NO TROUBLE THERE (EMBTEL 1034). LOCAL NEWSPAPER SOURCE SAYS HAS REPORTS OF SOME MINOR DISTURBANCES IN SEVERAL PROVINCIAL TOWNS, BUT THERE ARE NO CONFIRMATIONS OF THIS. CONSULATE SANTIAGO CONTINUES REPORT ALL CALM THERE, WITH HEAD OF MILITARY GARRISON SUPPORTING REGIME.

BOTH MAJOR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS OPPOSING COUP AND PROMISE TOMORROW MORNING'S PAPERS WILL REFLECT THIS.

CAS HAS REPORT THAT EXTREME LEFT ENCOURAGED BY REID STATEMENT (EMBTEL 1036), NOT HAVING REALIZED SITUATION AS SERIOUS AS REID INDICATED, AND ARE ENCOURAGING MINIONS CONSIDER CREATING STREET DISTURBANCES DURING NIGHT. EXTREMIST-LED UNIVERSITY STUDENT FEDERATION (FED) HAS SCHEDULED MEETING FOR 7 AM.

GP-3
CONNETT

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 2:25 A.M. APRIL 25
PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 2:30 A.M. APRIL 25

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

8

5

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action 00 RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 858 25/0756Z
ARA 0 250744Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
Info TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1039
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
SS RUCKHC/CINCLANT
G RUEKDA/DOD
SP STATE GRNC
SAH BT
L C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 25
H
P CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS
USIA
NSC JOINT STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE
INR
NSA SITUATION HERE RAPIDLY DETERIORATING AS REBEL ARMY TROOPS
KIC ENTERING CAPITAL IN LARGE NUMBERS FROM OUTLYING CAMPS. GENERAL
AID IMBERT, WHO VISITED ARMY JEFATURA AND 16 AUGUST CAMP, REPORTS
PC REBELS DETERMINED TO RESTORE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT AND BRING
O BOSCH BACK. HE SAYS 1000 ARMED MEN, INCLUDING CIVILIANS, ARE
SY IN CAPITAL AND READY TO FIGHT.
SCA
SCS INBERT AND OTHER SOURCES REPORT REBELS HAVE INSTALLED ARTILLERY
A AT OZAMA BRIDGE AND PARQUE INDEPENDENCIA. WESSIN TOLD ARMY
PER ATTACHE SHORT WHILE AGO HE IS DISPATCHING TANKS TO ROOT OUT
OPR ARTILLERY. DE LOS SANTOS TOLD AIR ATTACHE HE HAS HAD NO CONTACT
OC WITH ARMY, THAT ALL AIR FORCE LOYAL TO GOVERNMENT BUT CAN DO
NOTHING UNTIL DAYLIGHT.
RMR
REID CALLED AIR ATTACHE ABOUT HOUR AGO TO REPORT ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MADE TO TAKE OVER RADIO SANTO DOMINGO. ATTEMPT UNSUCCESSFUL AND THREE REBELS KILLED. SHORTLY THEREAFTER REBELS SEIZED RADIO STATION VOZ DEL TROPICO WHICH AFTER TWENTY MINUTES OF REBEL BROADCASTING, HAS NOW GONE OFF AIR.

POLICE GIVE NO EVIDENCE OF ACTIVELY INTERFERING WITH REBEL EFFORT TO ESTABLISH POSITION IN TOWN.

PALACE SOURCE CONFIRMS SITUATION WORSENING RAPIDLY. SPORADIC SHOOTING CAN BE HEARD ABOUT TOWN.

GP-3
CONNETT

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4:25 A.M. APRIL 25
PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 4:30 A.M. APRIL 25

20959

1965 APR 25 AM 4 20

IMMEDIATE

Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

4

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

5

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action

ARA

Info

SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC

RMR

20963

1965 APR 25 AM 4 48

IMMEDIATE

ESA284EXX237 SDA862
OO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 862 25/0835Z
O 250826Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1040
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 25

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

REF: EMBTEL 1038

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.7C
By CW, NARS, Date 3.22.7C

DECREE READ OVER TELEVISION SHORTLY AFTER 3:00 AM NAMING WESSIN Y WESSIN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ARMED FORCES.

FIGHTING REPORTED ON BRIDGE ACROSS OZAMA RIVER.

LISTIN DIARIO EDITOR RAFAEL HERRERA SAYS HE RECEIVED REPORT THAT GENERAL MONTAS GUERRERO, SECRETARY OF INTERIOR, HAS LEFT FOR SAN CRISTOBAL TO TAKE OVER COMMAND OF GARRISON THERE ON BEHALF OF REBELS.

LT COL RAFAEL MOREL TINEO, CHIEF SECRET POLICE OF THE NATIONAL POLICE, REPORTS POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS HAVE ORDERS TO PLAY A "WATCHING ROLE" AS THEY ARE NOT TRAINED TO FIGHT BAZOOKAS AND TANKS.

GP-3
CONNETT
BT
NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O, 4:50 A.M., 4/25/65
PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA, 5:08 A.M., 4/25/65

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

11

46 41

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action
ARA

2 1 0 1 0

Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
OPR
RMR

1965 APR 25 AM 11 17

•••••ZZ RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 883 25/1508Z
Z 251500Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 1042
INFO RUCKHC/CINCLANT FLASH
RULPAL/CINCSO FLASH
DOD/RUEKDA FLASH
STATE GRNC
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 25

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

PARAGRAPH 1 HDC-1389 REPORTS TRIUMVIRATE RESIGNING AND TURNING OVER GOVT TEMPORARILY TO MONTAS GUERRERO PENDING FORMATION OF THREE-MAN MILITARY JUNTA. TENTATIVELY NAMED TO HEAD JUNTA IS COLONEL JACOBO EMILIO FERNANDEZ MOTA WHO IS LIAISON BETWEEN GODR AND FOREIGN MILITARY ATTACHES. CONNETT
BT
CFN 1042 1 1389

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O AT 11:18 AM, 4/25/65.
PASSED WHITE HOUSE AT 11:25 AM, 4/25/65.
PASSED OSD AT 11:45 A.M., 4/25/65.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

13

46

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action
ARA

Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
CU
USIA
NSC
INR
CIA
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
FBO
OPR
OC

RMR

00 RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 890 25/1642Z
O 251559Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1044
INFO RUCKHC/CINCLANT IMMEDIATE
RULPAL/CINCSO IMMEDIATE
RUEKDA/DOD IMMEDIATE
STATE GRNC
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 25

CINCLANT AND CINCSO FOR PLADS

CROWD OF PERHAPS 50 OR 100 YOUTHS APPEARED AT EMBASSY 10:20 A.M. SHOUTING FOR HEAD OF PRENSA LIBRE DIRECTOR RAFAEL BONILLA AYBAR, WHO IN ASYLUM IN GUATEMALAN EMBASSY, WHICH HAS ALSO BEEN UNDER SIEGE BY MOB SINCE EARLY THIS MORNING. EMBASSY HAS POLICE PROTECTION AND NO VIOLENCE HAS OCCURRED AS YET.

AT 10:30, WHILE MORE PEOPLE COMING TOWARD EMBASSY, CROWD SEEMS TO BE DEPARTING IN SEARCH OF BONILLA. CONNETT
GP-3
BT
CFN 1044 50 100 10:20 10:30

NOTE: ADVANCE DELIVERY TO S/S-O AT 1:25 PM, 4/25/65.
PASSED WHITE HOUSE AT 1:34 PM, 4/25/65.

21018

1965 APR 25 PM 1 00

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW ; NARS, Date 3-22-76

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

14

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

46

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

21024

1965 APR 25 PM 1 37

Action
ARA
Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
CIA
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
E
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC
COM
RMR

XXXXFNZEAXXXXFZEAESA301EXX260SDA892
OO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 892 25/1657Z
O 251630Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1045
INFO RUCKHC/CINCLANT IMMEDIATE
RULPAL/CINCSO IMMEDIATE
RUEKDA/DOD IMMEDIATE
STATE GRNC
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

CROWD SITUATION SEEMS OUT OF HAND AT VARIOUS POINTS THROUGHOUT CITY. WE HAVE REPORTS THAT 'PRENSA LIBRE' PLANT BOMBED AND BURNING, AND PEPSI-COLA REPRESENTATIVE HORACIO ALVAREZ JUST TOLD EMBASSY MOB HAD FIRED AND THROWN SMALL BOMB INTO PEPSI-COLA PLANT. SPORADIC FIRING HEARD CONTINUALLY IN DOWNDOWN AREA. GUATEMALAN EMBASSY SITUATION REMAINS SERIOUS, ALTHOUGH WE ARE TOLD POLICE REINFORCEMENTS HAVE BEEN SENT THERE. HOWEVER, NUMBER OF CROWDS ROAMING CITY LOOKING FOR BONILLA AYBAR AND HIS CAR IN FRONT OF GUATEMALAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN BURNED.

WE HAVE THREE SEPARATE REPORTS THAT MILITARY REBELS ENTERED ARMY'S INTENDENCIA GENERAL AND KILLED COMMANDER COL. NIVAR LEDESMA AND ONE OTHER OFFICER WHO STOOD FAST.

MEMBERS OF (BUT NOT RAMON'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY) CACERES FAMILY ARE GATHERING TOGETHER FOR PROTECTION AT APARTMENT OF CACERES' MOTHER-IN-LAW NEAR UNIVERSITY.

WE HAVE REPORT FROM FORMER PALACE PRESS AIDE AND OTHER POTENTIAL MEMBER OF JUNTA-TO-BE IS ARMY CAPTAIN WHOSE NAME PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS RIVERA PENA, BUT WHOSE CORRECT NAME IS MARIO PENA TAVERA AND, ACCORDING SOURCE, IS "LEADER" OF REVOLT.

WE HAVE LATE REPORT THAT PLE HEADQUARTERS BURNED.

CROWDS AROUND PALACE HAVE DISPERSED AND APPARENTLY GOING TOWARDS RADIO SANTO DOMINGO. ARMOR AT PALACE NO LONGER IN SIGHT, BUT RIOT POLICE STANDING GUARD. CONNETT
GP-3
BT NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/25, 1:47 PM; WHITE HOUSE 2 PM.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

15

46
Action

UNCLASSIFIED

ARA
Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
CIA
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC

RMR

00 RUEHC
DE RUESSD 893 25/1703Z
ZNR
O 251650Z
FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1046
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RUINSZ/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT
UNCLAS APRIL 25

21025
1965 APR 25 PM 1 37

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

FIRST RADIO STATION TO RESUME BROADCASTING IN CAPITAL WAS RADIO SANTO DOMINGO, WHICH COMMENCED AT 11:30 A.M. WITH STATEMENT BY UNIDENTIFIED ANNOUNCER TO EFFECT COUNTRY WAS RETURNING TO CONSITITUTIONALITY AND PEOPLE WOULD BE GOVERNED BY GOVERNMENT THEY ELECTED, NAMELY THAT OF BOSCH.

ANNOUNCER THEN INTRODUCED UNIDENTIFIED ARMY OFFICER WHO COMMENTED THAT TRIUMVIRATE HAD BEEN OVERTHROWN BY ARMED FORCES WITH INTERESTS OF PEOPLE IN MIND AND THAT TANKS AT PALACE AND RADIO SANTO DOMINGO HAD BEEN REMOVED AND WERE UNDER CONTROL OF THESE FORCES. UNIDENTIFIED OFFICER URGED PEOPLE TO BE CALM, TO RESPECT LIFE AND PROPERTY, AND, IN PARTICULAR NOT TO HARM PALACE OR RADIO SANTO DOMINGO. CONNETT
BT
CFN 1046 11:30

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O AT 1:49 PM, 4/25/65.
PASSED WHITE HOUSE AT 1:55 PM, 4/25/65.

UNCLASSIFIED

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

11

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

16

46

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

21026

Action
ESA304EXX263SDA894
OO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 894 25/1735Z
O 251710Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1047
INFO RUCKHC/CINCLANT IMMEDIATE
CINCSO/RULPAL IMMEDIATE
RUEKDA/DOD IMMEDIATE
STATE GRNC
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 25

1965 APR 25 PM 2 03

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 7-22-76

CINCLANT AND CINCSO FOR POLADS

REPRESENTATIVES OF PLE, VARIOUS FACTIONS OF UCN, VRD, FDC AND PARTIDO REFORMISTA ARE MEETING AT PRESENT TIME AT HOME OF PLE VICE PRESIDENT TABARE ALVAREZ IN EFFORT "SALVAGE" SITUATION. ALVAREZ TOGETHER WITH PLE BRAIN TRUST OF CARLOS SANCHEZ Y SANCHEZ AND ARTURO DESPRADEL, REQUESTED URGENT MEETING WITH EMBOFF AT 11 A.M. TO EXPRESS THEIR GREAT CONCERN THAT COUP MIGHT LEAD TO RETURN OF BOSCH AND "LEFTISTS." THEY STATED THAT LT. COL. HERNANDO RAMIREZ HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH BOSCH
CFN 1047

ARA
Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
OPR
RMR

PRIOR TO COUP AND THEY CONVINCED THAT HERNANDO SWORN TO RETURN OF BOSCH AND 1963 GOVERNMENT.

THEY EXPRESSED CONSENSUS OF MULTI-PARTY GROUP AS FAVORING FREE ELECTIONS WHICH WOULD NOT BE CONTROLLED BY ANY ONE FACTION, ESPECIALLY NOT BY PRD. THIS FORMULA WOULD PRESUMABLY INVOLVE RETURN OF BALAGUER (BUT PERHAPS NOT OF BOSCH). THEY STATED THAT FORM OF INTERIM REGIME WHICH WOULD TAKE COUNTRY TO EARLY ELECTION LESS IMPORTANT THAN ITS IMPARTIALITY. THEY EXPRESSED DEFINITE PREFERENCE FOR JUNTA MILITAR AS OPPOSED TO ANY PRO-PRD GROUP IN PALACE.

THEY MADE NO EXPLICIT REQUEST FOR U.S. INTERVENTION IN SITUATION BUT HOPED THAT WE WOULD KEEP IN CONTACT WITH THEM AND EXERT OUR INFLUENCE IN DIRECTION OF MODERATE NON-COMMITTED INTERIM GOVERNMENT. THIS GROUP HAS NOT YET MADE CONTACT WITH REBEL LEADERS.

GP-3
CONNETT
BT

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O AT 2:08 PM, 4/25/65.
PASSED WHITE HOUSE AND CIA AT 2:35 PM, 4/25/65.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

12

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

17

46

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action

ARA
Info
SS
G
NSC
INR
NSA
RMR

NNNNESA305EXX264SDA895
OO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 895 25/1743Z
O 251730Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1048
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 25

21027
1965 APR 25 PM 2 04

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE

FRD SECRETARY GENERAL ANTONIO MARTINEZ HAS JUST CALLED EMBASSY TO ASK TO TALK WITH EMBOFF AND REQUEST URGENT DELIVERY OF HIS PASSPORT WHICH WAS IN EMBASSY FOR RE-VALIDATION OF VISA. MARTINEZ SAID "I HAVE TO GO TO PUERTO RICO TO GET BOSCH."

GP-3
CONNETT
BT
CFN 1048 25

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/25, 2:10 PM.
PASSED WHITE HOUSE AND CIA 4/25, 2:48 PM.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

18

46

UNCLASSIFIED

Action
ARA
Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
E
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC
COM
RMR

00 RUEHC
DE RUESSD 896 25/1745Z
ZNR
O 251733Z
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1049
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT
UNCLAS APRIL 25

21028

1965 APR 25 PM 2 04

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE.

FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS ON RADIO SANTO DOMINGO REPEATEDLY CALLED ON PEOPLE TO COOPERATE WITH REBEL AUTHORITIES IN MAINTAINING PUBLIC ORDER AND EXHORTED PEOPLE NOT TO BURN OR LOOT AND TO RESPECT ALL PRIVATE PROPERTY. ANNOUNCED THAT AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF HAS PRESENTED ULTIMATUM TO WESSIN WHO ANNOUNCERS INDICATED WAS ONLY HOLD OUT. THEY CLAIMED THAT UPON WESSIN'S SURRENDER, "ALL AVENUES" WOULD BE OPEN FOR RETURN OF JUAN BOSCH. VARIOUS UNIDENTIFIED YOUNG MILITARY OFFICERS MADE REPEATED
CFN 1049 25

PAGE TWO RUESSD 896 UNCLAS
APPEALS THAT THEIR BROTHERS IN ARMY AT TRAINING CENTER LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS, EMPHASIZING THAT MOVEMENT NOT DIRECTED AT THEM. ANNOUNCERS ALSO REPEATEDLY CLAIMING THAT TRIUMVIRATE HAS FALLEN. CALLED UPON PEOPLE TO GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT, INCLUDING PRESENCE ON STREETS, TO RETURN OF CONSTITUTIONALITY INCLUDING REINSTATEMENT OF CONGRESS ELECTED WITH BOSCH.

RADIO TRICOLOR ALSO BACK ON AIR AND ALSO WARNING AGAINST DAMAGING PRIVATE PROPERTY, NOTING THAT THERE NO WATER TO PUT OUT FIRES IF STARTED.

EMBOFFS REPORT DOWNTOWN AREA CALMING DOWN WITH PEOPLE CLAMORING FOR RETURN OF BOSCH. COULD DISCERN NO SENTIMENT FOR RETURN BALAGUER.

WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, RADIO ANNOUNCERS ARE PROBABLY AS MODERATE

UNCLASSIFIED

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

13

AS COULD BE EXPECTED UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES. CLAIM BE BROADCASTING AS VOICE OF "REBEL AND HONEST ARMED FORCES."

POASI LEADERS MARCO DE VARGAS AND PEDRO JULIO EVANGELISTA EXHORTING WORKERS TO SUPPORT REBEL MOVEMENT, BUT IN PEACEFUL MANNER.
CONNETT
BT

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O AT 2:12 PM, 4/25/65.
PASSED WHITE HOUSE AND CIA AT 2:42 PM, 4/25/65.

19

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

82 ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

21038
1965 APR 25 PM 3 40

Action ESA09EXX270SDA984
CO RUEHCR
ARA DE RUEHSD 984 25/1922Z
O 251845Z ZEA
Info FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
SS TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1050
G INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
SP RUCKNC/CINCLANT
SAH RUEKDA/DOD
L STATE GRNC
H BT
P C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 25
USIA CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS
NSC JOINT STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE
INR
NSA REF: EMBTEL 1048
AID
PC WE HAVE REPORTS, CONSIDERED RELIABLE THAT BOSCH TOLD MOLINA URENA
OPR ON PHONE FROM PUERTO RICO SHORT TIME AGO TO ACCEPT PROVISIONAL
OC PRESIDENCY. MOLINA SAID HAVE BACKING OF ATILA LUNA. MOLINA
RMR WAS SECOND IN LINE OF SUCCESSION TO BOSCH. (FIRST IN LINE JUAN CASASNAVAS IS IN PUERTO RICO AND IS MIGLAN SUPPORTER.)

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

ABSOLUTELY RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS THAT MOLINA TO BE SWORN IN AT ABOUT 1 P.M.

COMMISSION CONSISTING OF PRD REPRESENTATIVES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF MILITARY SERVICES EXPECTS TO FLY TO SAN JUAN THIS AFTERNOON BY MILITARY PLANE TO INVITE BOSCH TO RETURN TO THE COUNTRY. PRD SECRETARY GENERAL HAS NO DOUBT THAT BOSCH WILL RETURN WITH THEM SINCE THIS ARRANGEMENT WORKED OUT IN ADVANCE WITH HIM.

AT SAME TIME EFFORTS BEING MADE TO CONVOKE BOSCH CONGRESS AND PRD SECRETARY GENERAL EXPECTS IT WILL MEET IN SOME FORM BY TOMORROW.

PRD SOURCES ASSURE THAT THERE WILL BE NO MILITARY JUNTA.

CP-3
LT
CPN 1050 1

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/25/65 3:25 P.M.

Note: Passed White House, CIA 4/25/65 4 P.M.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

14

20

NG TELEGRAM *Department of State*

82-S

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action
SS
Info

ESA3;2EXX274SDA908
*****ZZ RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 908 25/2035Z
Z 252022Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 1051
INFO RUULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RUEKDA/DOD
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
BT

1965 APR 25 PM 5 00

21043

41

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 25

STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

AIRATT JUST INFORMED BY DE LOS SANTOS THAT AIR FORCE HAS DECIDED FIGHT IN ORDER PREVENT RETURN JUAN BOSCH. WESSIN HAS AGREED SUPPORT AIR FORCE EFFORT. DECISION BASED ON FEELING OF AIR FORCE AND TRAINING CENTER OFFICERS THAT RETURN OF BOSCH WOULD MEAN SURRENDERING COUNTRY TO COMMUNISTS. THEY BELIEVE FIGHT IS NOW AGAINST LATTER AND NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITH REBEL ELEMENTS OF ARMY. AS RESULT OF THIS AIR FORCE NOW WILLING BOMB REBEL HEAD-
CFN 1051 25

PAGE TWO RUESSD 99908 C O N F I D E N T I A L
QUARTERS AND PLANS DO SO.

PRESUMABLY ATTITUDE AIR FORCE WILL PREVENT TAKEOFF FROM SAN ISIDRO OF MILITARY PLANE REPORTED SCHEDULED PROCEED PUERTO RICO TO BRING BOSCH BACK. IT MAY ALSO HAVE CONTRIBUTED DELAY OF PLANNED SWEARING-IN OF MOLINA.

SITUATION EXTREMELY CONFUSED AND NO IDENTIFIABLE AUTHORITIES EXERCISING ANY EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER GOVERNMENT. ALL MEMBERS OF COUNTRY TEAM FEEL STRONGLY IT WOULD BE AGINST US INTERESTS FOR BOSCH RETURN TO DOMREP AND RESUME POWER AT THIS TIME ESPECIALLY IN VIEW EXTREMIST PARTICIPATION IN COUP AND ANNOUNCED COMMUNIST ADVOCACY OF BOSCH'S RETURN AS FAVORABLE TO THEIR LONG-TERM INTERESTS. WE RELUCTANTLY AGREED AMONG OURSELVES DE LOS SANTOS-WESSIN PLAN ONLY COURSE OF ACTION HAVING ANY REAL POSSIBILITY OF PREVENTING BOSCH'S RETURN AND CONTAINING GROWING DISORDERS AND MOB VIOLENCE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT SUCH COURSE OF ACTION MAY MEAN FURTHER BLOODSHED, BUT WE THINK WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO TAKE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

16

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

THIS RISK, AND WE WILL SEEK OUT ANY OPPORTUNITY TO MINIMIZE BLOODSHED AND ENCOURAGE UNITY AMONG ARMED FORCES.

RIVERA CAMINERO HAS JUST CONFIRMED MEETING WITH DE LOS SANTOS AND WESSIN, AND HIS DECISION TO JOIN WITH THEM TO PREVENT THE RETURN OF BOSCH TO COUNTRY IN EFFORT TO FORESTALL LEFTIST

PAGE THREE RUESSD 908 C O N F I D E N T I A L
TAKEOVER. THREE MILITARY COMMANDERS ARE PRESENTLY PREPARING a MANIFESTO TO THIS EFFECT FOR DISTRIBUTION THROUGHOUT CITY. RIVERA CAMINERO CONFIRMED OUR CONVICTION THAT NO ONE WAS GOVERNING IN PALACE. THEY ARE MERELY "TALKING, TALKING, TALKING."

RIVERA, AS DE LOS SANTOS AND WESSIN HAD DONE BEFORE HIM, INQUIRED WHAT U.S. SUPPORT THEY COULD EXPECT IF SUCH SUPPORT PROVED TO BE NEEDED. COUNTRY TEAM DOES NOT BELIEVE SHOW OF FORCE OR OTHER MILITARY SUPPORT WOULD SERVE OUR BEST INTERESTS AT THIS TIME, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW LATE DATE WHEN EVENTS OF NEXT 24 HOURS LIKELY DETERMINE OUTCOME. WE HAVE NOT ENCOURAGED MILITARY COMMANDERS TO BELIEVE SUCH WILL BE FORTHCOMING. WE RESERVE OUR POSITION ON WHETHER WE MIGHT WISH LATER TO MAKE SOME USE, IN THIS CONNECTION, OF NAVAL UNITS NOW EN ROUTE TO WATERS OUTSIDE DOMREP. IF PRESENT CONDITIONS BORDERING ON ANARCHY CONTINUE WE MAY WISH TO RECONSIDER OUR POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT.

OUR ATTACHES HAVE ALREADY STRESSED TO THREE MILITARY LEADERS CONCERNED OUR STRONG FEELING THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE SHOULD BE DONE TO PREVENT A COMMUNIST TAKEOVER IN THIS COUNTRY AND TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC ORDER.

GP-3
CONNETT
BT
ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/25/65, 5 PM
NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 4/25/65, 5:20 PM
[illegible] PER SSO

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

21

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

82

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action ESA3;3EXX276SDA909
OO RUEHCR
ARA DE RUESSD 309 25/2047Z
O 252036Z ZEA
Info FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1052
SS INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
G RUCKHC/CINCLANT
SP RUEKDA/DOD
SAH STATE GRNC
L BT
H CONFIDENTIAL APRIL 25
P STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE
USIA
NSC CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS
INR
NSA
NIC
OPR
RMR

21044

1965 APR 25 PM 5 04

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW NARS, Date 3-22-76

REFORMISTA 1ST VP FRANCISCO AUGUSTO LORA INFORMED EMBOFF SHORTLY AFTER 2:00 P.M. HE TALKED WITH BALAGUER THIS MORNING, URGING LATTER RETURN TO DR FORTHWITH. BALAGUER REPLIED HE PREPARED RETURN BUT UNWILLING GIVE IMPRESSION HE ASSOCIATED WITH, OR ATTEMPTING REAP ADVANTAGE FROM COUP.

LORA CLAIMS BOTH BALAGUER AND PARTY WANT MILITARY JUNTA WHICH WILL HOLD ELECTIONS NO LATER THAN SEPT 1, POSSIBLY SOONER. LORA ADMITTED HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH REBELS AT 27 FEB CAMP. HE ASSERTS (OBVIOUSLY HE IS NOT AN OBJECTIVE OBSERVER) NUMBER AMONG REBELS DESIRING IMMEDIATE RETURN BOSCH RELATIVELY FEW. ACKNOWLEDGING BOSCHISTAS ARE DOING MOST OF TALKING OVER RADIO SANTO DOMINGO AT PRESENT, HE NEVERTHELESS CONVINCED JUNTA COMMITTED TO HOLDING ELECTIONS CAN BE FORMED. HE SEES GOOD POSSIBILITY SWEARING-IN OF MOLINA URENA AND IMMEDIATE RETURN OF BOSCH CAN BE PREVENTED.

PPDC'S RAMON CASTILLO IN SAME CONVERSATION STATED HE PLANNED TRY SEE HIS "GOOD FRIEND DE LOS SANTOS" (AIR FORCE C/S) FORTHWITH, AND VESSIN IF POSSIBLE, TO PERSUADE THEM RETURN OF BOSCH CAN BE PREVENTED WITHOUT AIR FORCE ATTACK NOW BEING CONTEMPLATED ON 27 FEB CAMP.

MEANWHILE AIR FORCE HAS QUERIED AIR ATTACHE FOR OPINION RE POSSIBLE TRANSPORTATION OF BALAGUER TO DR IMMEDIATELY ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS MOTHER'S ILLNESS, THEIR FEELING BEING HIS RETURN NOW WOULD DRAIN STRENGTH FROM BOSCH BANDWAGON. ATTACHE NON-COMMITTAL ON PROPOSAL.

GP-3 CONNETT

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/25/65, 5:02 PM

NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 4/25/65, 5:35 PM

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

22

82

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action ESA3 16EXX277SDA911
OO RUEHCR
ARA DE RUESSD 910 25/2115Z
O 252100Z ZEA
Info FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1053
SS INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
G RUCKHC/CINCLANT
SP RUEKDA/DOD
SAH RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
L STATE GRNC
H BT
P C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 25
USIA STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE
NSC
INR CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS
NSA
NIC FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL BUSINESSES AND HOMES REPORTEDLY SACKED UP
AID TO 2:30 PM (SOME UNCONFIRMED). MAIN OFFICE REID & PELLERANO,
PC REID'S AUTO DEALERSHIP; FADOC, GODR-OWNED SHOE FACTORY IN UPTOWN
E SECTION; LARGE MERCEDES-BENZ REPAIR SHOP, CONCESSION OF TOMAS
O MORALES, KNOWN AS TRUJILLISTA; HOMES OF HORACIO ALVAREZ AND
SY SON; OF TANCREDO AYBAR, MAYOR OF SD. ALSO HEADQUARTERS OF
SCA VRD (EYEWITNESSED) AND OF UCN SACKED AND BURNED (LAST UNCONFIRMED).
SCS RADIO STILL CALLING REPEATEDLY FOR RESPECT OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
A PROPERTY.
PER
OPR WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF AMERICANS IN DANGER OR OF DAMAGE TO
OC AMERICAN PROPERTY. ALREADY REPORTED ATTACK ON PEPSI-COLA PLANT,
COM (EMBTEL 1045), WHICH IS PERSONAL FRANCHISE OF DOMINICAN CITIZEN
RMR (HORACIO ALVAREZ), IS WHOLLY DOMINICAN-OWNED, AND OPERATES UNDER DOMINICAN NAME, WAS UNDOUBTEDLY DIRECTED AT ALVAREZ, WHO SUPPORTED TRIUMVIRATE, RATHER THAN AT IMAGINED US. INTERESTS INVOLVED.

EMBASSY NEIGHBORHOOD CALM SINCE BRIEF APPEARANCE OF CROWD EARLY THIS MORNING. VIOLENCE AGAINST PROPERTY SEEMS CONTROLLED IN SENSE IT HAS, SO FAR, APPARENTLY BEEN DIRECTED ONLY AGAINST PROPERTY OF KNOWN SUPPORTERS OF TRIUMVIRATE AND OCCASIONAL ALLEGED TRUJILLISTAS. LATE REPORT SAYS DOMINICAN MOTORS, LOCALLY-OWNED AUTO DEALERSHIP, ATTACKED.

GP-3
CONNETT
BT
ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/25/65, 5:37 PM
NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 4/25/65, 6:15 PM

1965 APR 25 PM 5 33

21048

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

17

23

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

82-S

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action

21056

1965 APR 25 PM 6 30

ARA

ESA31SEXX2SØVSDA914

Info

OO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 914 25/2212Z
O 252145Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1054
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RUEKDA/DCD
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
STATE GRNC
BT
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ APRIL 25

SS
G
SP
SAH
L
M
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SR
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC
RMS

DECLASSIFIED
Authority State ltr 5/3/76
By LHW, NARS, Date 7/22/76

STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

FOUR AIR FORCE F-51'S NOW CIRCLING PALACE IN SHOW OF FORCE DESIGNED REINFORCE AGREEMENT WHICH DE LOS SANTOS TOLD AIRATT HE MADE WITH REBEL LEADER MIGUEL ANGEL HERNANDO RAMIREZ NOT TO ALLOW JOSE RAFAEL MOLINA URENA TO BE SWORN IN AS PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT AND TO SEEK TO FORM MILITARY JUNTA INSTEAD. COMPOSITION OF PROPOSED JUNTA UNCERTAIN, BUT MAY INCLUDE COL. EMILIO FERNANDEZ MOTA, (ARMY); COL. PEDRO BARTOLOME BENOIT (AIR FORCE); AND COL. CFN 1054 25 F-51

PAGE TWO RUESSD ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PEDRO MEDRANO UBIERA (AIR FORCE). FIRST-NAMED ATTACHE LIAISON OFFICER AND LAWYER NOT PARTICULARLY WELL-REGARDED BY OUR ATTACHES; SECOND JUST RETURNED FROM SIX-MONTH SUPPLY COURSE IN US AND REGARDED AS INTELLIGENT AND US-ORIENTED BY ATTACHES; AND THIRD IS DIRECTOR OF ARMED FORCES ACADEMY, WHO REGARDED AS HARDHEADED AND SMART BUT PROBABLY NOT AS EASY TO DEAL WITH AS OTHER TWO.

GP-3
CONNETT
BT

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/25/65, 6:33 PM
NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 4/25/65, 6:40 PM

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

(17)

43

POL 23-9 DOM REP
YR PS - -6 US-DOM REP

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

25

82

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action
OPR
Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
ARA
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OC
OPM
RMR

ESA323EXX285SDA925
OO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 925 26/0008Z
O 252340Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO
TO RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON IMMEDIATE
RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1056
INFO RUU/CTG FOUR FOUR PT NINE IMMEDIATE
RUCKHC/CINCLANTFLT
RULGGCR/COMNAVBASE GTMO IMMEDIATE
STATE GRNC
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 25

1965 APR 25 PM 8 19

21065

Santo Domingo 1056
4/25/65

REF: YOUR 251845Z 25 APRIL

1. CURRENT ESTIMATE POTENTIAL EVACUEES DOM REP FOLLOWS: (1) 46; (2) 94; (3) 110; (4) 181; (5) 1,800; (6) 100; (7) 400; (8) 1; (9) 2732; (10) NONE, AIRPORT CLOSED; (11) NONE; (12) NONE, BORDER CLOSED; (13) NONE.

2. IMPRACTICAL GUARD D28.6 NET DUE LOCATION MAAG EQUIPMENT AND EMBASSY SET INOPERATIVE.

3. WARNING PHASE PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED; WILL CONSIDER FURTHER MEASURES AS SITUATION DICTATES. CONNETT
GP-3
BT

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/25/65, 8:30 PM
NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, DOD, CIA 4/25/65, 8:40 PM

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By CW, NARS, Date 3.22.76

(2) ORIGINAL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

26

82

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action
ARA
Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
OPR
OC
RMR

ESA324EXX284SDA926
OO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 926 26/0013Z
O 2523552 ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1057
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO IMMEDIATE
RUCKHC/CINCLANT IMMEDIATE
RUEKDA/DOD IMMEDIATE
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON IMMEDIATE
STATE GRNC
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 25

APR 25 PM 8 30

21066

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLAD

ABOUT 4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME DAF F-51'S MADE TWO FIRING PASSES AT PALACE AND AT LEAST TWO FIRING PASSES AT REBEL HEADQUARTERS (27TH FEB ENCAMPMENT). NAVY FIRED ABOUT FOUR SHELLS OVER PALACE; APPARENTLY THEY WERE STARSHELLS; WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF ANY CASULTIES.

DE LOS SANTOS TOLD AIR ATTACHE THAT HE WESSIN AND RIVERA CAMINERO THOUGHT THEY HAD HAD DEAL WITH REBELS. AGREEMENT WAS THAT MOLINA URENA WOULD NOT BE SWORN IN AND THAT MILITARY
CFN 1057 4:30 F-51'S 27

PAGE TWO RUESSD 926 C O N F I D E N T I A L
JUNTA WOULD TAKE OVER. HERNANDO RAMIREZ, REBEL LEADER, ASKED TIME DISCUSS WITH HIS SUPPORTERS. AS NIGHTFALL DREW CLOSER, SANTOS SAID HIS GROUP FELT REBELS STALLING FOR TIME, AND DECIDED INITIATE FIRING TO SHOW THEY ARE SERIOUS. DE LOS SANTOS FELT THAT DELAY MIGHT GIVE TIME BOSCH ARRIVE FROM PUERTO RICO.

RADIO STILL IN REBEL HANDS REPORTS THAT ONE F-51 DOWNED BY SMALL ARMS' FIRE IN ATTACK.

UNEVALUATED REPORT STATES THAT BOSCH TRYING CHARTER SMALL PLANE IN PUERTO RICO.

AT 5:45 F-51S FIRED FEW BURSTS IN AIR OVER CITY.

ACCORDING AIR FORCE, ARMY UNIT SANTIAGO NOW SUPPORTING AIR FORCE AND DAF DID NOT LOSE AIRCRAFT. MILITARY POLICE AT PALACE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

19

AND ARMY TRANSPORT BATTALION HAVE INDICATED SUPPORT FOR AIR FORCE. POLICE COMMANDER DESPRADEL HAS STATED MAY ATTEMPT DELIVER RADIO SANTO DOMINGO TO SANTOS-VESSIN-RIVERA GROUP. SANTOS SAID INTENDS USE ROCKETS AGAINST ARTILLERY AT DUARTE BRIDGE TOMORROW. CONNETT

BT

CFN 51 5:45

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/25/65, 8:33 PM

NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 4/25/65, 8:45 PM

27

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

82

Action ES152CEXX,C7SDA938

2107

65 APR 25 PM 9 27

00 RUEHCR

ARA DE RUESSD 938 26/0356Z

O R 26[illegible]Z ZEA

Info FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO

TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC INMEDIATE 1058

SS INFO RULPAL/CINCSO

G RUCKHC/CINCLANT

SP RUEKDA/DOD

SAH STATE GRNC

L BT

H C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 25

P CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

USIA

NSC FOR AMBASSADOR BENNETT

INR ARMA JUST RETURNED FROM TALKING WITH MONTAS, WHO ASKED

NSA ARMA VISIT HIM AT MONTAS HOME. MONTAS SAID HE AND REBELS

NIC "RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEM," EXPLAINING HE MEANT THEY AGREED

AID BOSCH'S RETURN WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC; HE SAID "THEY" WOULD

OPR TRY ARRIVE AT AGREEMENT WHEREBY JUNTA WOULD BE INSTALLED

RMR AND WOULD SET ELECTION DATE. MONTAS SEEMED BUT DID NOT

SAY HE WAS SPEAKING FOR OTHERS BESIDE HIMSELF. HE WAS IN

TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH REBEL LEADER HERNANDO RAMIREZ AND

ONE OTHER DURING ARMA'S VISIT. ARMA FOUND HIM CALM AND

UNRUFFLED AND VERY CORDIAL.

THERE APPEARS BE DEVELOPING DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS IN ARMY WHICH HAS UP TO NOW BEEN ALMOST ENTIRELY UNITED IN REBEL CAUSE. HOWEVER, DEGREE OF THIS DIVERGENCE UNDETERMINED AT THIS TIME.

COMMETT

SP-3

BT

CFN 1058

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/25/65 9:30 P.M.

Note: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 4/25/65 9:40 P.M.

DECLASSIFIED

Authority STATE 3-1-76

By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

28

82

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action ESA327EXX288SDA93
OO RUENOR
ARA DE RUESSD 93 26/0103Z
O 260025Z ZEA
Info FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO
TO RUENOR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1059
SS INFO CINCSO/RULPAL
G RUCKNC/CINCLANT
SP RUEKDA/DOD
SAH RULGN/COMCARIDSEAFRON
L STATE GRNC
H BT
EUR C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 25
P CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS
USIA
NSC PENA GOMEZ ON RADIO SANTO DOMINGO WITH MOST OTHER OPERATING
INR STATIONS IN CHAIN, EXHORTED POPULATION TO ASSIST AND DEFEND
NSA GROUP REPRESENTING RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONALITY. SAID ALL AMERICA
NIC IS IN FAVOR RETURN CONSTITUTIONALITY AND THAT THIS SOLUTION
AID IS ONLY HOPE FOR COUNTRY, "COST WHAT IT MAY." SAID PROF JUAN
PC BOSCH NOW READY RETURN FROM PUERTO RICO. URGED PEOPLE TO DEFEND
O PALACE, DUARTE BRIDGE, AND AVE MELLA. SAID THOSE NOW IN PALACE
SY SUPPORT RETURN BOSCH. EXHORTATIONS REPEATED BY FRD SPOT
SCA ANNOUNCEMENTS, IN SOME CASES SUPPORTED BY PRSC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
SCS CFN 1059
A
PER PAGE TWO RUESSD 93 C O N F I D E N T I A L
OPR PENA GOMEZ SAID HAD JUST TALKED WITH MOLINA URENA WHO IS NOT
OC REPEAT NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH SUGGESTION NOW PUT FORWARD BY
RMR SOME GROUPS FOR MILITARY JUNTA
TO HOLD ELECTIONS IN ONE MONTH.

RADIO SANTO DOMINGO HAS BEEN POINTING OUT NO CURFEW TONIGHT AND PEOPLE SHOULD STAY IN STREET. CONNETT
BT

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/25/65 9:34 P.M.

Note: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 4/25/65 9:50 P.M.

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

20

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

29

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

82 UNCLASSIFIED

21072

Action ESA320E XX2399DA932

CO RUEHC 1965 APR 25 PM 9 36

ARA DE RUESSD 932 26/0107Z

ZNR

Info O 260030Z

SS AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO

G TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1060

SP INFO RUCKHC/CINCLANT

SAH RULPAL/CINCSO

L RUERDA/DOD

M STATE GRNC

EUR BT

E UNCLAS APRIL 25

USIA

NSC CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

INR

NSA JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

NIC

AID JUAN BOSCH HEARD OVER SPECIAL HOOKUP WITH RADIO SANTO DOMINGO FROM SAN JUAN AT 7:10 P.M. BOSCH SAID: "THIS IS THE HOUR THAT YOU, MEN, WOMEN, SOLDIERS, CIVILIANS, INTELLECTUALS, CAMPESINOS, ETC... ARE REACHING STATURE OF AN HEROIC PEOPLE. MAINTAIN YOUR SPIRITS FIRM, YOUR HOPES PURE, HAVE FAITH IN YOUR DESTINY. YOU ARE BUILDING THE STATUE OF DOMINICAN LIBERTY. TO COL. HERNANDO RAMIREZ AND ALL OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF ARMED FORCES WHO HAVE RISEN TO RECONQUER LIBERTY AND DEMOCRACY,

PG

O

ST

SCS

SIS

A

DEA

FBI

AEC

NAVY

CPN 1050 7:10

PAGE TWO RUESSD 932 UNCLAS

I SAY YOU WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY HISTORY AS THE PEOPLE'S HEROES. I AM PREPARING TO SET FOOT ON DOMINICAN TERRITORY. THE PEOPLE WILL DETERMINE HOW I COME, THE PEOPLE WILL TELL ME THE MANNER IN WHICH I SHALL ARRIVE. AND BEFORE I COME, CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC WILL BE JOSE RAFAEL MOLINA URENA, WHO AT HIS SIDE WILL HAVE ALL WHO FOUGHT."

BROADCAST REPEATED AT 7:30 P.M. THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF WHEN SPEECH MAY HAVE BEEN PREPARED. CONNETT

BT

CPN 7:30

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/25/65 9:38 P.M.

Note: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 4/25/65 9:45 P.M.

UNCLASSIFIED

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

21

XEROX FROM QUICK COPY

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

82 ESA3293 //290SDA933 ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

21073

1965 APR 25 PM 9 44

00 RUEHKR
Action DE RUESSD 933 26/0115Z
0 260100Z ZEA
ARA FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1061
Info INFO RUCNIC/CINCLANT
RULPAL/CINCSO
SS RUEKDA/DCD
G STATE GRNC
SP BT
SAH C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 25
L
H CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS
EUR JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE
P
USIA SHORTLY BEFORE 6 PM PRD'S MANUEL FERNANDEZ, WHO DEEPLY INVOLVED
NSC IN MILITARY INSURRECTION, CALLED EMBOFF TO ASK THAT EMBASSY
INR PRESSURE AIR FORCE TO STOP STRAFING PALACE. EMBOFF REPLIED
NSA THAT EMBASSY GREATLY PREOCCUPIED OVER VIOLENCE AND WOULD
NIC EQUALLY LIKE TO SEE SHOOTING STOP ON BOTH SIDES. EMBOFF
OPR SUGGESTED THAT FERNANDEZ GET REBEL MILITARY OFFICERS TO TALK
RMR SENSIBLY INSTEAD OF PROVOKING WORSE CONFRONTATION.

AT 6 P.M. DELEGATION FROM PRD CONSISTING OF SECRETARY GENERAL MARTINEZ, DISTRICT COMMITTEE HEAD LOVATON, RESPECTED ANTONIO GUZMAN FROM SANTIAGO, AND FORMER AMBASSADOR AT WASHINGTON DEL ROSARIO CAME INDEPENDENTLY TO EMBASSY TO EXPRESS SAME CONCERN AND TO ASK EMBASSY TO PRESSURE FOR END TO AIR ATTACKS. EMBOFF AGAIN SPOKE DIRECTLY AND FRANKLY TO THEM, EXPRESSING EMBASSY'S CONCERN OVER VIOLENCE AND SITUATION FAVORABLE TO COMMUNISTS. SUGGESTED THAT TIME HAD COME FOR DOMINICANS OF GOOD WILL ON BOTH SIDES OF PRESENT DISPUTE TO ACT RESPONSIBLY. WENT ON TO SUGGEST THAT, IF PRD LEADERS COULD PERSUADE REBEL MILITARY TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH AND WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS WITH LEGITIMATE MILITARY HEIRARCHY, HE WOULD UNDERTAKE TO PERSUADE EMBASSY AUTHORITIES TO DO WHAT THEY COULD TO FACILITATE ANY EFFORT BY TWO SIDES TO TALK. MADE QUITE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT EMBASSY COULD NOT INTERVENE ON THEIR BEHALF AND WON ADMISSION THAT, AS GOOD DOMINICANS THEY DID NOT WANT THIS. CALL THEN PLACED TO FERNANDEZ, WHO UNDERTOOK TO MAKE EFFORT WITH REBEL MILITARY.

WE ARE NOW AWAITING RESULTS OF THIS EFFORT. CONNETT
GP-3
BT
CPN 6
ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/25/65, 9:46 PM
NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 4/25/65, 9:55 PM

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

31

...G TELEGRAM *Department of State*

5

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

1965 APR 25 PM 11 23

Action CO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 938 26/0247Z
ARA 0 260215Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO IMMEDIATE 1062
Info TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC
INFO RUCKHC/CINCLANT IMMEDIATE
SS RULPAL/CINCSO IMMEDIATE
G RUEKDA/DOD IMMEDIATE
SP STATE GRNC
SAH BT
L C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 25
H CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS
P
USIA JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC
RMR

21083

IMMEDIATE

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

IN MIDST OF STILL EXTREMELY UNSETTLED SITUATION, IT IS PERHAPS USEFUL TRY TO TRACE BRIEFLY SOME CENTRAL THREADS OF ACTION SO FAR.

FROM PRESENT APPEARANCES, IT SEEMS COUP PLOT WAS FROM BEGINNING EFFORT TO BRING BACK BOSCH. HOWEVER, SEVERAL KEY MILITARY COMMANDERS AT CRUCIAL MOMENT LAST NIGHT, WERE, IT SEEMS, LED TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE BY TALK OF MILITARY JUNTA, AND DECIDED NOT WILLING ENGAGE IN MILITARY FRATRICIDE TO SAVE REID REGIME. ISSUE TODAY BECAME CLEARLY ONE OF OPTING FOR EITHER BOSCH RETURN AT CALL OF PRD AND EXTREMISTS, OR MILITARY ACTION BY STRONGLY ANTI-BOSCH MILITARY LEADERS TO SAVE SITUATION. MOMENT OF DECISION CAME WITH DEVELOPING EFFORT SHORTLY AFTER MIDDAY TO INSTALL MOLINA AS INTERIM PRESIDENT AND TO FETCH BOSCH FROM PUERTO RICO.

AS REPORTED, WESSIN, DE LOS SANTOS, AND RIVERA HAVE DECIDED TO FIGHT AS NECESSARY TO KEEP BOSCH OUT AND TO INSTALL MILITARY JUNTA. ISSUE OF COURSE FAR FROM SETTLED, THOUGH AT 9:00 FM REBEL RADIO BROADCASTS INDICATED REBELS UNCERTAIN OF ABILITY KEEP WESSIN'S TANKS OUT OF CITY.

AS POINTED OUT IN EMBTEL 1051, EMBASSY BELIEVES BOSCH RETURN UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE. EXTREMISTS MIGHT WELL HAVE FIELD DAY.

WE ARE GRATIFIED BY SIGNS THAT MILITARY STIFFENING AND TALKING OF PULLING TOGETHER TO PREVENT COLLAPSE PUBLIC ORDER AND RETURN BOSCH. WE HOPE COMMITMENT US PRESTIGE WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO THIS END, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW DEGREE OF POPULARITY BOSCH STILL HAS HERE AND FACT HE WAS CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT OF COUNTRY.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

23

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

HOWEVER, IT APPEARS TO US THAT FORMATION OF MILITARY JUNTA THAT WOULD PROMISE EARLY ELECTIONS IS ABOUT BEST THAT CAN BE HOPED FOR AT MOMENT. INDICATION FROM MEETING OF FIVE POLITICAL PARTIES EARLIER TODAY WAS THAT SUCH SOLUTION WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THEM; AND CERTAINLY NOTHING MUCH IS TO BE GAINED BY INVITING PARTIES TO GET IN ON ACT AT THIS STAGE.

ABSOLUTELY NO ONE IS TALKING OF RESTORING TRIUMVIRATE TO POWER. MORE SURPRISING IS LITTLE ATTENTION PAID THUS FAR EXCEPT BY REFORMISTAS TO RETURN OF BALAGUER. THIS ATTRIBUTABLE IN PART TO THEIR UNPREPAREDNESS, TO FACT THAT THEIR SUPPORT MORE IN COUNTRYSIDE THAN IN SANTO DOMINGO AMONG CIVILIANS, AND TO PREOCCUPATION OF MILITARY WITH PRESSING ISSUES OF EACH MOMENT. WE INCLINED BELIEVE IT NEITHER IN BALAGUER'S INTEREST NOR IN OURS HAVE HIM RETURN AT THIS JUNCTURE. WE WOULD PREFER SEE INTERIM REGIME NOT OBLIGATED TO ANYONE AT OUTSET. CONNETT
GP-3

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 11:26 P.M. APRIL 25
PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA, 11:45 P.M. APRIL 25

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

32

5

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action
ARA
Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
AID
OPR

OO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 940 26/0342Z
O 260320Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1063
INFO CINCLANT/RUCKHC IMMEDIATE
RULPAL/CINCSO IMMEDIATE
RUEKDA/DOD IMMEDIATE
STATE GRNC
BT
C O N F I D E N T I L APRIL 25

21088

1965 APR 26 AM 12 06

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

REF: EMBTEL 1047

EMBOFF TALKED WITH PLE LEADERS DESPRADEL AND ALVAREZ AGAIN AT 8 PM, TOGETHER WITH VRD'S HORACIO JULIO ORNES. ON THIS OCCASION THEY CLAIMED BE REPRESENTING AS WELL FDC AND BOTH FACTIONS OF UCN. THEY ADDED THAT IN GOOD FAITH COULD NOT CLAIM SPEAK FOR REFORMISTAS AT THIS TIME, BUT BELIEVED REFORMISTAS MORE OR LESS IN AGREEMENT WITH THEIR POSITION, WHICH THEY SAID IN ACCORD WITH STATEMENT ISSUED THIS AFTERNOON BY AIR FORCE, NAVY, AND TRAINING CENTER AS FOLLOWS:
CFN 1063 1047 8

"THE MILITARY INSTITUTIONS THAT SIGN THIS DOCUMENT, CONSCIOUS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PEOPLE, CONSIDER IT THEIR DUTY TO MAKE KNOWN TO THE PUBLIC IN THIS HOUR, WHICH IS DECISIVE FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, THAT THEY WILL GIVE THEIR COMPLETE BACKING TO THE GOVERNMENT THAT ASSUMES CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY AFTER THE RENUNCIATION OF THE TRIUMVIRATE, PROVIDING THAT IT PROMISES TO HOLD THE ELECTIONS THAT ARMED FORCES AND NATIONAL POLICE GUARANTEED TO CITIZENRY AND WHICH HAVE BEEN FIXED FOR COMING FIRST OF SEPTEMBER."

THREE STRESSED POLITICAL PARTIES THEY REPRESENT NOT INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATION IN INTERIM REGIME AND WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY WITH MILITARY JUNTA. CLAIMED TO HAVE TALKED WITH WESSIN AND DE LOS SANTOS AMONG OTHER "LOYALISTS" AND TO BE SPEAKING FOR THEM AS WELL IN ENCOURAGING EMBASSY TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH REBEL MILITARY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE NEGOTIATION ALONG LINES OF ABOVE MANIFESTO. (WE HAVE NOT YET GONE BEYOND EFFORT REPORTED EMBTEL 1061, TO WHICH WE HAVE AS YET NO RESPONSE.) ORNES STATED HE OPPOSED RETURN OF EITHER BOSCH OR BALAGUER, BUT

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

24

DESPRADEL AND ALVAREZ CONTRADICTED HIM SAYING FLEXIBILITY WOULD HAVE TO BE MAINTAINED FOR PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATIONS. ALL THREE CLEARLY GREATLY PREOCCUPIED AND PROBABLY WILLING ACCEPT VARIETY OF COMPROMISES TO KEEP BOSCH OUT OF POWER.

AS FOR BALAGUERISTAS, IN SEPARATE TALK AT 6:30 PM, PPDC'S RAMON CASTILLO TOLD EMBOFF BALAGUERISTAS (INCLUDING CASTILLO) HAD HAD TWO-HOUR CONVERSATION WITH REBELS AND ONLY CONDITION FIXED BY LATTER TO FORMING OF JUNTA TO HOLD ELECTIONS WAS THAT WESSIN Y WESSIN NOT BE MEMBER SUCH JUNTA. CASTILLO CLAIMED BE "VERY OPTIMISTIC", SAID HIS GROUP WOULD NOW MOVE TO TALK TO" OTHER SIDE" (PRESUMABLY AIR FORCE, NAVY AND CEFA).

EXCEPT FOR REFORMISTAS, WHO PRESENTLY SEEM PLAYING OWN GAME, NONE OF PARTIES TO ABOVE CONVERSATIONS HAVE POWER POTENTIAL FOR MOMENT AND SEEM BE SHOOTING IN DARK.

AT 9:45 PMAUGUSTO LORA TOLD EMBOFF HE FAVORED SOLUTION OF MILITARY JUNTA AND ELECTIONS ON SEPT 1, BUT NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PRESENT POSSIBILITIES ABOUT TALKS WHICH HE SAID GOING ON BETWEEN TWO SIDES IN MILITARY DISPUTE. CONNETT
GP-3

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 12:09 A.M. APRIL 26
PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA, 12:30 A.M. APRIL 26

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

33

85
Action

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ARA
Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC
RMR

ESAGEUEXX300 SDA948
OO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 948 26/0611Z
O 260600Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1064
INFO RUCKHC/CINCLANT IMMEDIATE
RULPAL/CINCSO
RUEKDA/DOD IMMEDIATE
STATE GRNC
BT

1965 APR 26 AM 2 35

2 1 1 2 1

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

CONTROL OF LOCAL RADIO AND TV CONTINUES IN HANDS OF REBEL FORCES AND IS BROADCASTING SERIES OF CALLS ON PEOPLE TO STAY AWAKE AND ALERT, TO WATCH FOR EFFORTS IT SAYS IN PROCESS BY WESSIN TO INFILTRATE FORCES LOYAL TO "PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT," TO JOIN REBEL ARMY FORCES IF IN POSSESSION OF ARMS, TO DEFEND TWO BRIDGES LEADING INTO CITY FROM EAST AND NORTH , TO DEFEND AGAINST EFFORTS BY WESSIN TO BRING MEN INTO CITY DURING NIGHT BY HELICOPTER AND PARACHUTE, AND SO FORTH.

AT SAME TIME TRYING TO PERSUADE LISTENERS THAT LARGE MAJORITY OF PROVINCIAL MILITARY COMMANDS IN THEIR HANDS AND ARE PARADING BEFORE MICROPHONE AND TV CAMERA SERIES OF ENLISTED TROOPS OF ALL SERVICES WHO HAVE DESERTED.

RAFAEL MOLINA URENA AS "PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT," HAS ISSUED "DECREES PERMITTING RETURN ALL EXILES, INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY BALAGUER, WHO "FREE" TO RETURN TO BE WITH SICK MOTHER", AND CALLING FOR BOSCH CONGRESS TO MEET AT NATIONAL PALACE AT 8 AM THIS MORNING.

IT SEEMS CLEAR FROM RADIO REPORTS THAT REBELS FAR FROM CONFIDENT OF VICTORY AND CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE WESSING MOVES DURING NIGHT. (WESSIN TOLD EMBASSY SOURCE LATE THIS EVENING HE WOULD BE BUSY DURING NIGHT AND THAT BETTER SITUATION COULD BE EXPECTED IN MORNING.) SOME FIRING HAS BEEN HEARD FROM DIRECTION OF BRIDGE LEADING TO EAST (TO SAN ISIDRO). AIRATT UNDERSTANDS

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

125

ONE AIR FORCE INTENTION IS USE HELICOPTER TO TRY KNOCK OUT RADIO SANTO DOMINGO TRANSMITTER. SUCH MOVE WOULD BE AT LEAST SET BACK TO REBEL PROPAGANDA EFFORT WHICH THROUGH CONTROL RADIO/TV CONTRIBUTING TO CONTINUED VIOLENCE, BUT OTHER STATIONS COULD PRESUMABLY STILL BE OPERATED BY REBELS.
GP-3. CONNETT.

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O, 2:39 A.M., 4/26/65
PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA, 2:50 A.M., 4/26/65

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State 34

5

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action

ARA

21161

XXXXFVZEATXXXXFMZEAVESA340TEXX301SDA952

Info

00 RUEHCR

1965 APR 26 AM 4 13

SS

DE RUESSD 952 26/0751Z

G

O 260735Z ZEA

SP

FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO

SAH

TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1065

L

INFO RUCKHC/CINCLANT

H

RULPAL/CINCSO

P

RUEKDA/DOD

USIA

STATE GRNC

NSC

BT

INR

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26

NSA

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

NIC

STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE

AID

PC

RADIO SANTO DOMINGO HAS NOW ANNOUNCED ADDITIONAL FOUR DECREES ISSUED BY "PROVISIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT" MOLINA URENA AND CLAIMS HE HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIOR NAVY STAFF HEADED BY RIVERA CAMINERO. WE ARE ATTEMPTING CHECK ON REPORTED NEGOTIATION.

O

SY

SCA

SCS

O

EARLIER IN EVENING SANTO DOMINGO RADIO AND TV READ STATEMENT REPORTEDLY FROM WIFE RIVERA CAMINERO. REPORTEDLY SHE SAID NAVY HEADQUARTERS CALM AND FULLY SUPPORTING "PEOPLE," THAT HER HUSBAND HAD LEFT ON FRIGATE AT 3 IN

PER

OPR

OC

CFN 1065 3

RMR

PAGE TWO RUESSD 952 C O N F I D E N T I A L

THE AFTERNOON AND SHE HAD NOT HEARD FROM HIM, BUT THAT SHE SURE HE WITH PEOPLE. REBEL RADIO AND TV MAKING ATTEMPT SHOW NAVY SUPPORT INCLUDING SHOWING ABOUT FIFTEEN NAVY ENLISTED MEN ON TV WITH VARIOUS SPEAKERS. RADIO PICTURING WESSIN AND WESSIN AS MAIN OPPOSITION.

DECREE NO. 2: RELIEVES WESSIN AND WESSIN OF POSITION AS SECRETARY STATE ARMED FORCES, AS CHIEF ARMED FORCES TRAINING CENTER, AND SEPARATES HIM FROM ARMED FORCES. DECREE FORBIDS TROOPS OBEY HIM.

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECREE NO. 3 NAMES VIRGILIO HAINARDI REYNA AS GOVERNOR SANTIAGO. DECREE NO. 4 NAMES DR. NICOMEDES DE LEON AS CHIEF COURT OF APPEALS OF SANTIAGO. DECREE NO. 5 NAMES DR. SALVADOR JORGE BLANCO AS PROCURADOR GENERAL FOR SANTIAGO. CONNETT

DT

CPN 2 3 4 5

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O, 4-26-65, 4:27 A.M.
PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA, 4-26-65, 4:28 A.M.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

35

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

44-40

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action

ARA

Info

SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC

RMR

21313

1965 APR 26 AM 7 26

FLASH

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

```
*****ZZ RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 958 1117Z
Z 261117Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 1066
INFO RUCKMC/CINCLANT FLASH
RULPAL/CINCSO FLASH
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON FLASH
RUEKDA/DOD FLASH
STATE GRNC
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE
```

AT 5:30 DAF BEGAN BOMBARDMENT. SEVERAL PASSES MADE AT VICINITY BRIDGE; ROCKETS FIRED. ARTILLERY PIECES AT BRIDGE HEARD TO FIRE. VESSIN CALLED ARMY ATTACHE AND TOLD HIM DAF NEUTRALIZING TWO ARTILLERY PIECES AT BRIDGE, AND HE WOULD THEN FORCE HIS WAY INTO CITY.

RADIO SANTO DOMINGO NOW URGING CITIZENS TO COME TO PALACE TO DEFEND CONSTITUTIONALITY.

BOTH VESSIN AND DE LOS SANTOS HAVE ASKED FOR U.S. TROOPS, AND WE HAVE TOLD THEM THAT WE HAVE NO PLANS BRING IN U.S. TROOPS. CONNETT

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 7:32 A.M. APRIL 26
PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 7:35 A.M. APRIL 26

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

26

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

37

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

47

Action

ARA

Info

SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC

RMR

21362

1965 APR 26 AM 8 26

ESA347XX307SDA962
*****ZZ Z RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 962 26/1215Z
Z 261145Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY/SANTODOMINGO 1068 FLASH
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC
RUCKHC/CINCLANT FLASH
RULPAL/CINCSO FLASH
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON FLASH
RUEKDA/DOD FLASH
STATE GRNC
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

DAF HAS HIT FEB 27 ENCAMPMENT WITH ROCKETS FIRED FROM TWO F-51'S AND ONE JET.

RADIO SANTO DOMINGO REPORTS WIVES OF DAF PILOTS TAKEN TO DUARTE BRIDGE TO BE IN LINE FIRE. RADIO URGING PEOPLE TO STREETS AND URGING THEM SACK HOUSES DAF PILOTS.

MAJ. FERMIN, DEPUTY CHIEF, BARAHONA AIR BASE URGED DEFEND CAPTIAL.
CONNETT GP-3
BT
CFN 1068 27 F-51'S

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, DOD, CIA 8:35 A.M., 4-26-65.
ADVANCE DELIVERY TO S/S-O AT 8:28 A.M., 4-26-65.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

27

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

38

21422

44 UNCLASSIFIED

1965 APR 26 AM 9 39

Action
ARA
Info
SS
G
SP
SAH:
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY"
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC
RMR

RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 967 26/1326Z
ZNR
O 261315Z
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1069
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT
UNCLAS APRIL 26

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

RADIO SANTO DOMINGO ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING AT INDICATED TIMES:

0600 - FAMILIES OF PILOTS FLYING STRIKE MISSIONS BEING TAKEN AS HOSTAGES TO POINTS UNDER ATTACK. THEIR HOUSES SAID TO BE SEIZED.

0605 - EVERYONE TOLD GO INTO STREETS.

0606 - DEPUTY CHIEF OF AIR FORCE IN BARAHONA URGENTLY CALLED TO DEFEND CAPITAL.

0615 - WIVES OF PILOTS (NAMED) TAKEN TO OZAMA BRIDGE TO BE IN

PAGE TWO RUESSD 967 UNCLAS
LINE OF FIRE IF ATTACK MADE BY THEIR HUSBANDS.

0616 - THE PUBLIC INVITED TO SACK THE HOUSES OF PILOTS. FAMILIES OF PILOTS NOW TO BE BROUGHT TO STATION TO BROADCAST APPEAL TO PILOTS.

0625 - THREE YOUNG PEOPLE KILLED BY AIRCRAFT BOMB.

CONNETT

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O AT 9:45 AM 4/26/65
PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA AT 10:21 AM 4/26/65

UNCLASSIFIED

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

27

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

39

44-42
Action
ARA

Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC

RMR

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ESA352EXX3 SSDA968
00 RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 968 26/1330Z
O 261329Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY/SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE/1070
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RUEKDA/DOD
RULGN/COMCARISEAFRON
STATE GRNC
BT

1965 APR 26 AM 9 42 2142 3

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.22.76

STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

BOMBARDMENT WITHIN CITY NOW SWITCHED TO PALACE WITH F-51S MAKING PASSES AT TREE-TOP LEVEL WITH TRIGGER HELD DOWN.

RADIO SANTO DOMINGO PARADING MEMBERS PILOTS' FAMILIES, SOME NOT IMMEDIATE FAMILY, TO MAKE APPEALS PILOTS STOP BOMBARDMENT. NAVY BEING URGED BY RADIO SANTO DOMINGO TO ATTACK SAN ISIDRO. RADIO CONTINUES FIERY LIBERTY OR DEATH SPEECHES. RADIO SANTO DOMINGO REPORTS INTELLIGENCE THAT STATION SOON TO BE BOMBED, POINTING OUT PRESENCE MANY PILOTS' FAMILIES IN STATION.
CFN 1070 26 F-51S

PAGE TWO RUESSD 968 C O N F ID E N T I A L
MAIN THRUST RADIO SANTO DOMINGO IS THAT ONLY SMALL GROUP, HEADED BY WESSIN AND DE LOS SANTOS, LEFT AGAINST PEOPLE AND THAT PEOPLE SHOULD NOT FALTER WHEN END IN SIGHT.

GP-3
CONNETT

NOTE: ADVANCE DELIVERY TO S/S-O 4/26/65 AT 9:47 AM
PASSED WHITE HOUSE, AND CIA AT 10:15 AM

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

28

TELEGRAM *Department of State*

40

44

~~SECRET~~

21442

Action

ARA

Info

SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
Pn
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC
RMR

ESA354EXX3 6SDA970
*****ZZ RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 970 26/1342Z
Z 261330Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 1071
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT
S E C R E T APRIL 26

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

WITH NAVY NOW ON SIDE OF REBELS, POSITION OF WESSIN AND DE LOS SANTOS HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY WEAKENED. PSYCHOLOGICAL BLOW PARTICULARLY SERIOUS. ALTHOUGH WESSIN AND DE LOS SANTOS CLAIM TO HAVE SUPPORT OF ARMY AT SANTIAGO, SAN JUAN, AND BARAHONA, AND OF PALACE GUARD UNDER COL. CALDERON, IT IS DOUBTFUL THESE UNITS CAN PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT TO WESSIN AND DE LOS SANTOS. ALSO UNLIKELY SIGNIFICANT ELEMENTS ARMY IN CAPITAL WOULD BE

PAGE TWO RUESSD 970 S E C R E T
WILLING TO CHANGE SIDES UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

CONTINUING CONTROL OF RADIO BY REBELS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT UNDER MOLINA URENA FURTHER WEAKENS CAUSE OF SAN ISIDRO GROUP. ALUSNA REPORTS RIVERA CAMINERO IS NOW HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS AND SAYS HE IS READY TO BACK SAN ISIDRO GROUP IF THEY TAKE VIGOROUS ACTION. HOWEVER, RIVERA HAS LOST ALL BUT HIS SHIPS THROUGH DEFECTIONS LAST NIGHT AND DEGREE HIS CONTROL OF NAVAL UNITS AFLOAT IS IN DOUBT.

CHANCES OF FORMATION MILITARY JUNTA UNDER PRESSURE FROM SAN ISIDRO GROUP NOW APPEAR SLIM.

PROBABLY NOTHING SHORT OF MAJOR U.S. INVOLVEMENT COULD PREVENT BOSCH'S RETURN AT THIS STAGE. DE LOS SANTOS AND WESSIN HAVE ASKED FOR TROOPS. WE BELIEVE COMMITMENT U.S. COMBAT FORCES IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD HAVE EXTREMELY SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

29

FOR OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS AND PARTICULARLY SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS IN LATIN AMERICA. WE COULD BE CAST IN ROLE OF INTERVENTIONIST POWER OPPOSING POPULAR REVOLUTION OF DEMOCRATIC ELEMENTS OVER-THROWING UNPOPULAR UNCONSTITUTIONAL REGIME. WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE COULD EFFECTIVELY MAKE CASE THAT THIS IS COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED MOVEMENT AT PRESENT TIME, ALTHOUGH WE ALL KNOW THAT COMMUNISTS

PAGE THREE RUESSD 970 S E C R E T
ARE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN REBEL MOVEMENT. WE HAVE TOLD DE LOS SANTOS AND WESSIN NOT TO EXPECT U.S. TROOPS.

ONLY EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE WE SEE THAT REMAINS TO US IS STRONG DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE DESIGNED TO PREVENT RETURN OF BOSCH THROUGH CREATION MILITARY JUNTA WHICH WILL SCHEDULE ELECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER. WE BELIEVE THERE IS SERIOUS THREAT OF COMMUNIST TAKEOVER IN COUNTRY AND THAT VERY LITTLE TIME REMAINS IN WHICH TO ACT.

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED HERE TO MAKE CLEAR TO MOLINA UREÑA AND REBEL MILITARY OFFICERS OUR SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN PRESENT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT, OUR DESIRE TO AVOID CONTINUING PUBLIC DISORDER AND INTRA-SERVICE FIGHTING, AND OUR STRONG CONVICTION THAT THE FORMULA SUGGESTED ABOVE OF A MILITARY JUNTA WITH ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

WE BELIEVE ANY DECISION TO USE SHOW OF FORCE TO BACK UP OUR DIPLOMATIC EFFORT SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING RESULTS OF REPRESENTATIONS FOR WHICH WE ARE ASKING AUTHORIZATION, BUT WE SEE DISTINCT POSSIBILITY WE MAY HAVE TO USE THIS RESOURCE.

GP-3
CONNETT

NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 10:20 A.M., 4-26-65
ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O AT 10:10 A.M., 4-26-65.

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

41

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

45

Action
ARA

Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
FBO
OPR
OC
RMR

NNNNESA395EXX318SDA971
*****ZZ RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 971 26/1353Z
Z 261345Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 1072
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DCD
STATE GRNC
BT

21443

1965 APR 26 AM 10 09

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

AT 8:00 SITUATION STILL CONFUSED. DAD TOLD US REBEL FORCE HAS CROSSED DUARTE BRIDGE AND HEADING FOR SAN ISIDRO.

RADIO SANTO DOMINGO HAS BEGUN ATTACKING RIOT POLICE, ACCUSING THEM OF BEATING PEOPLE IN STREETS AND URGING PEOPLE ACT AGAINST RIOT POLICE IN ANY MEANS POSSIBLE. POLICE CHIEF DESPRADEL TOLD MISSION HE NOW GOING TO CLOSE STATION. BUT POLICE LT. COL. MOREL HAS APPEARED AT STATION TO SAY POLICE KEEPING NEUTRAL AND

PAGE TWO RUESSD 971 C O N F I D E N T I A L
NOT FIGHTING ANYONE.

REBEL MILITARY LEADERS NOW ON TV ANNOUNCING THAT MILITARY WILL PROTECT CITIZENS AND RADIO STATION AGAINST POLICE. ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT EMBASSIES WOULD BE PROTECTED.

GP-3
CONNETT
BT

NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 10:16 A.M., 4-26-65.
ADVANCE DELIVERY TO S/S-O 10:12 A.M., 4-26-65.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

42

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

47

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

Action
ARA
Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC
RMR

21484

1965 APR 26 AM 10 47

```
NNNNESA359TTEXX323SDA978
OO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 978 26/1433Z
O 261423Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1073
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT
```

APRIL 26

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

REF: CONNETT-SAYRE TELECON.

SEVERAL EMBASSY OFFICERS MORE THAN ONCE HEARD ANNOUNCEMENT OVER RADIO SANTO DOMINGO THAT WIVES, MOTHERS, AND SISTERS OF AIR FORCE PILOTS TO BE TAKEN TO POINTS BEING BOMBED. IN ONE CASE, MOTHER AND SISTER OF AIR FORCE PILOT "RAFAEL PERALTA" WERE PRESENTED BEFORE TV CAMERAS, WITH ANNOUNCEMENT THEY BEING TAKEN TO BOMBING TARGETS, "SO THEY ALSO CAN BE ASSASSINATED."

CONNETT

BT

NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 11:10 A.M., 4-26-65.
ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 11:00 A.M., 4-26-65.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

30

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

43

44

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

21488

Action
ARA

Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
OPR

RMR

1965 APR 26 AM 10 53

ESA360EXX326SDA980
OO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 980 26/1440Z
O 261427Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1074
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW ; NARS, Date 3-22-76

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

NEW APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED BY MOLINA URENA FOLLOW:

1. ALFREDO CONDE PAUSA, ATTORNEY, NAMED ATTORNEY GENERAL; HAS TWO SONS AND TWO NEPHEWS IN COMMUNIST PSPD; HE IS NOT KNOWN BE PARTY MEMBER BUT IS SAID BE AT LEAST TOLERANT OF COMMUNISTS.

2. MAXIMO LOVATON PITALUGA NAMED FOREIGN MINISTER; HAS BEEN HEAD OF PRD NATIONAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE AND IS NOT REPEAT NOT KNOWN HAVE COMMUNIST AFFILIATION OR SYMPATHIES. HIS WIFE,

PAGE TWO RUESSD 980 C O N F I D E N T I A L
ZAIDA DE LOVATON, ALSO VERY ACTIVE IN PRD AS SECRETARY FEMININE AFFAIRS. LOVATON NOT KNOWN HAVE HAD PREVIOUS FOREIGN AFFAIRS' EXPERIENCE, ALTHOUGH HE MAY HAVE AT ONE TIME SERVED AS CONSUL SOMEWHERE IN U.S. HAS BEEN CORDIAL IN LIMITED RELATIONSHIP WITH EMBASSY.

GP-3
CONNETT

NOTE: ADVANCE DELIVERY TO S/S-O 4/26/65 AT 11 AM
PASSED WHITE HOUSE AND CIA AT 11:30 AM

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

45

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

45

Action
ARA

Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC

RMR

KESAJESI KEXX333SDA983

21536

OO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 983 26/1515Z
O 261512Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1076
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT

1965 APR 26 AM 11 35

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

FORMER FRD DEPUTY MANUEL FERNANDEZ MARMOL, WHO HAS, IN HIS WORDS, "TAKEN OVER" AS MAYOR OF SANTO DOMINGO, CALLED EMBOFF MINUTES AGO TO PLACE SELF AT EMBASSY'S DISPOSAL AND TO ASK THAT EMBASSY DO "SOMETHING" TO ALLEVIATE PRESENT DANGEROUS SITUATION. OFFERED HIMSELF AS INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN EMBASSY AND MOLINA URENA IN EVENT EMBASSY HAS DIFFICULTY COMMUNICATING WITH LATTER. SAID BOSCH DOES NOT PLAN RETURN TO DR TODAY "BECAUSE WESSIN CONTROLS

PAGE TWO RUESSD 983 C O N F I D E N T I A L

AIRPORT." SAID HE UNAWARE OF PLANS BOSCH MAY HAVE TO AGAIN ADDRESS NATION ON RADIO FROM PUERTO RICO. FERNANDEZ WAS THANKED FOR HIS CALL AND EMBOFF AGREED TO BE RECEPTIVE TO FURTHER CALLS SHOULD FERNANDEZ WISH TO MAKE THEM.

GP-3
CONNETT

NOTE: ADVANCE DELIVERY TO S/S-O 4/26/65 AT NOON
PASSED WHITE HOUSE AND CIA AT NOON

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

31

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

46

45

UNCLASSIFIED

Action
ARA

Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC

RMR

21547

1965 APR 26 AM 11 44

ESA371ESS757EXX334SDA984
00 RUEHC
DE RUESSD 984 26/1525Z
O 261522Z
FM AMEMBASSY/SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1077
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT
UNCLAS APRIL 26

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

AFTER HOUR OR SO PAUSE, PLANES RESUMED ATTACKS ON PALACE ABOUT 9:35 A.M. FIRING TWO ROCKETS (OR BOMBS) AT BUILDING. DAMAGE, IF ANY, NOT NOW KNOWN. POLICE NOW EVACUATING PEOPLE FROM AREA AROUND PALACE.
CONNETT
BT
CFN 1077 26 9:35

NOTE: PASSED ADVANCE COPY S/S-O, WHITE HOUSE, CIA 4/26/65 AT 12:25 PM

UNCLASSIFIED

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

32

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

47

49

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action
ARA

21546

Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC
RMR

ESA370EXX336SDA985
OO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 985 26/1529Z
O 261529Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1078
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
E
C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26

1965 APR 26 AM 11 43

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

OVER RADIO SANTO DOMINGO PENA GOMEZ REPORTED HE TALKED PERSONALLY WITH ATILA LUNA WHO SAID HE IS SUPPORTING THE "PATRIOTIC FORCES." PENA GOMEZ ALSO SAID BOSCH WOULD NOT BE ARRIVING TODAY BECAUSE AIRPORT CONTROLLED BY "REACTIONARIES."

ANOTHER ANNOUNCER SAID SOLDIERS FROM SAN ISIDRO WERE ATTACKING POLICE AND CALLED ON POLICE TO FIGHT ON SIDE OF PEOPLE. GAVE

PAGE TWO RUESSD 985 C O N F I D E N T I A L
NO DETAILS. RADIO CARRYING NUMEROUS APPEALS FROM MILITARY OFFICIALS IN CAPITAL TO "MILITARY BROTHERS" IN SAN ISIDRO STOP FIGHT.

RADIO SAYS BARAHONA AIR BASE HAS JOINED REBELS. ATTACHES SAY BASE SMALL AND INSIGNIFICANT.
CONNETT
BT

NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 12:20 P.M., 4-26-65.
ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 11:51 A.M., 4-26-65.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

52

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

45
Action
ARA

Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC

RMR

UNCLASSIFIED

21642

1965 APR 26 PM 1 08

ESA391EXX354SDA997
*****ZZ RUEHC
DE RUESSD 997 26/1700Z
ZNR
Z 261645Z
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 1083
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DCO
STATE GRNC
BT
UNCLAS APRIL 26

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

REFTEL 1072

GROUP OF POLICE OFFICERS APPEARED ON TELEVISION AND RADIO WHOSE SPOKESMAN, DE LOS SANTOS, THIRD CHIEF OF POLICE, ASKED "PEOPLE NOT ATTACK POLICE, WHO NOT ATTACKING PEOPLE. POLICE ARE WITH THE PEOPLE." DE LOS SANTOS MADE CLEAR HE ON SIDE OF REBELLIOUS FORCES.
CONNETT
BT

Advance copy to S/S-O at 1:12 p.m. 4/26/26

Passed to White House & CIA at 1:15 p.m. 4/26/65

UNCLASSIFIED

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State 53

44

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action

ARA

21653

1965 APR 26 PM 1 15

Info

SS

G

SP

SAH

L

H

NSC

INR

NSA

NIC

AID

PC

OPR

RMR

SDA999

*****ZZ RULPAL RUCKHC RUEKDA RULGN

DE RUESSD 999 26/1708Z

Z 261700Z ZEA

FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 1084

INFO RULPAL/CINCSO

RUCKHC/CINCLANT

RUEKDA/DOD

RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON

STATE GRNC

BT

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE

FERNANDEZ MARMOL HAS JUST INFORMED EMBASSY THAT, AS RESULT HIS INQUIRIES AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF PRD THAT BELISARIO PEGUERO NOT AUTHORIZED REPEAT NOT AUTHORIZED SPEAK FOR PRD (NO TIENE FUNCION ALGUNA).

GP-3

CONNETT

BT

CFN 1084 3

NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 1:30 P.M., 4-26-65.
ADVANCE DELIVERY TO S/S-O 1:20 P.M., 4-26-65.

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.22.76

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

54

44

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action
ARA

21712

ESA402EXX368SDA002

Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC
RMR

00 RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 002 2647312
O 261725Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1085
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT

1965 APR 26 PM 1 49

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.22.76

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

BROADCASTING FROM SAN ISIDRO AIR BASE, FIRST ANTI-REBEL RADIO STATION CAME ON AIR AT 11:50 AM. STATION CALLS FOR "SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENT NOT DICTATED BY MOSCOW." SAYS THAT, IN HANDS OF PRESENT REBELLIOUS FORCES COUNTRY FOLLOWING COURSE OF CUBA; THAT MOLINA UREÑA GROUP CONTROLLED BY FIDELISTA COMMUNIST ELEMENTS. ASSERTS NAVY ON SIDE OF MILITARY FOGES AT SAN ISIDRO IN

PAGE TWO RUESSD 002 C O N F I D E N T I A L
OPPOSING REBELLIOUS FORCES. ASKS DOMINICANS STAY IN HOMES AND SUPPORT THE AIR FORCE AND NAVY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNISM.

GP-3
CONNETT
BT

NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 2:10 P.M., 4-26-65.
ADVANCE DELIVERY TO S/S-O 1:55 P.M., 4-26-65.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

49 UNCLASSIFIED

Action
ARA

ESA4083EXX382SDAC09 21751

00 RUEHC 1965 APR 26 PM 2 17

Info
SS DE RUESSD 009 18/0008Z
ZNR
G FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO
SP TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1086
SAH INFO RUCKHC/CINCLANT
L RULPAL/CINCSO
H RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
P RUEKDA/DOD
USIA STATE GRNC
NSC BT
INR UNCLAS APRIL 26
NSA
NIC CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS
AID
PC JOINT STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE
OPR
RMR SAN ISIDRO RADIO STATION APPEALING TO ITS MILITARY COLLEAGUES AND DOMINICAN "COMPANIONS". IT OFFERS "TO CONFER." SAYS IT WITH THE PEOPLE AND AGAINST TRIUMVIRATE; THAT IT FAVORS JUNTA AND FREE ELECTIONS IN SEPT WITH PARTICIPATION ALL CANDIDATES. CAN TAKE MORE VIOLENT ACTION BUT DO NOT WISH DO SO. REBELLICUS FORCES WISH US TAKE RASH ACTION BUT "WE WANT TO TALK." CONNETT
GP-3
BT
CFN 1086

NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 2:37 P.M., 4-26-65.
ADVANCE DELIVERY TO S/S-O 2:30 P.M., 4-26-65.

UNCLASSIFIED

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

56

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

85

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action

21815

1965 APR 26 PM 3 18

ARA

Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC

RMR

ESA422TTSDA012
CO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 012 26/1900Z
O 261845Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1087
INFO RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULPAL/CINCSO
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

BATTLE OF AIR WAVES NOW ON. RADIO SANTO DOMINGO REPLYING TO SAN ISIDRO STATION, SAYS "DEMOCRATIC FORCES" WOULD NEVER CONFER WITH THOSE "REACTIONARY FORCES." IT TELLS DOMINICAN PEOPLE "NOT BE CONFUSED" BY SAN ISIDRO STATION. "THE ONLY STATION GIVING CORRECT INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IS RADIO SANTO DOMINGO." CONNETT
BT
CFN 1087
ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O, 4/26/65, 3:25 P.M.
NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA, 4/26/65, 3:40 P.M.

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.22.76

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

9 ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action NNNNESA429XX405 JDA013
OO RUEHCR
ARA DE RUESSD 013 26/1915Z
O 261855Z ZEA
Info FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC 1088 IMMEDIATE
SS INFO RUCKHC/CINCLANT
G RULPAL/CINCSO
SP RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
SAH RUEKDA/DOD
L STATE GRNC
NSC BT
INR C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26
NSA CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

21843
FEB APR 26 PM 3 39

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

RMR JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

ONE POSSIBLE LINE OF ACTION TODAY THAT WE HAVE NOT RAISED IN EARLIER MESSAGES, AND WHICH DEPARTMENT CERTAINLY IN BETTER POSITION TO JUDGE AND MAY HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING IS APPROACH TO BOSCH IN SAN JUAN. THIS COULD TAKE FORM OF URGENT REPRESENTATION BY SOMEONE ENJOYING BOSCH'S CONFIDENCE FIRST NOTING CFN 1088

ACAGE TWO RUESSD 013 C O N F I D E N T I A L
OUR SUPPORT FOR HIS GOVERNMENT AND OUR HOSPITALITY TO HIM DURING LAST YEAR-AND-A-HALF; THEN INFORMING HIM OF US CONCERN OVER MOUNTING VIOLENCE AND OVER EXTREMELY UNFORTUNATE LONG-RUN EFFECTS THAT FRATRICIDAL STRUGGLE AMONG DOMINICANS SURE TO HAVE FOR HIS CONTRY. COULD THEN GO ON TO SPELL OUT FOR HIM EXTENT OF COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN, AND UTILIZATION OF REBEL MOVEMENT, AND OUR UNFORTUNATE CONVICTION THAT RESPECTED FRD LEADERS IN DR, SUCH AS ANTONIO MARTINEZ, ANTONIO GUZMAN, MAXIMO LOVATION ARE FAR FROM IN CONTROL OF PARTY. WE COULD RECALL HIS OWN REQUEST MADE RECENTLY TO MARTINEZ THAT HE THANK EMBOFF FOR LIST OF EXTREMIST PNR LEADERS WHO JOINED FRD IN FEBRUARY AND TO ASSURE EMBOFF OF HIS CONTINUED CONCERN OVER COMMUNIST PROBLEM. (SEE MEMO OF MARCH 3, COPIES OF WHICH SENT SHLAUDEMAN AND INR).

FINALLY, DISPOSITION ON PART OF SOME ELEMENTS OF MILITARY AND VIRUALLY ALL NON-COMMUNIST POLITICAL PARTIES TO ACCEPT MILITARY JUNTA THAT WOULD PROMISE BOSCH AND BALAGUER RIGHT TO RETURN AND TO HOLD ELECTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 1 COULD BE POINTED OUT AS IN OUR OPINION HONORABLE SOLUTION AND ONE BEST CALCULATED TO CONFOUND EXTREMISTS, WHILE SATISFYING LEGITIMATE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

36

ASPIRATIONS OF DOMINICAN PEOPLE. WE MIGHT ALSO WELL EXPRESS CONCERN OVER USE OF US TERRITORY TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO ARMED
CFN 3 1

PAGE THREE RUESSD Ø13 C O N F I D E N T I A L
STRUGGLE, WHICH WAS EFFECT OF HIS SPEECH OF YESTERDAY. DRAW-BACKS INCLUDE BOSCH'S CHARACTER AND INSISTENCE ON PRESERVING MYSTIQUE OF HIS CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION, AND FACT THAT, IF PUBLICIZED TOO SOON APPROACH COULD EVEN HAVE DISHEARTENING EFFECT ON "LOYALIST" FORCES.

DEPARTMENT'S REPORT THAT BOSCH ATTEMPTING CHARTER PLANE FOR RETURN TRIP, BUT DOES NOT INTEND MAKE TRIP UNTIL DCM AIR FORCE GUARANTEES SAFETY,
RAISES POSSIBILITY OF INTERFERING WITH DEPARTURE FROM SAN JUAN. WE INCLINED BELIEVE THAT, EVEN ASIDE FROM OTHER IMPLICATIONS SUCH ACT, IT MIGHT BE IMPRACTICAL SINCE BOSCH APPARENTLY NOT PREPARED RETURN UNLESS AND UNTIL HIS BACKERS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED IN POWER HERE. CONNETT
GP-2
BT

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/26/65, 3:40 PM
NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 4/26/65, 4 PM

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

58

86

Action

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

21855

ARA

Info

SS

G

SP

SAH

L

H

P

USIA

NSC

INR

NSA

AID

PC

O

SY

SCA

SCS

A

PER

OPR

OC

RMR

ESA433EXX409SDA019

OO RUEHCR

DE RUESSD 019 26/1945Z

O 261940Z ZEA

FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO

TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE IMMEDIATE 1089

INFO/RUCKHC/:CINCLANT

RULPAL/CINCSO

RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON

RUEKDA/DOD

STATE GRNC

BT

1965 APR 26 PM 4 05

DECLASSIFIED

Authority STATE 3-1-76

By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

RADIO SANTO DOMINGO CLAIMS REBELS CAPTURED SIX OF MESSING'S TANKS, (WHICH ATTACHES UNABLE CONFIRM) AND ARE NOW ARMING THEM FOR USE IN DEFENSE OF CITY. REBEL STATION CLAIMS NAVY STILL ON ITS SIDE, BUT ASKED THAT ALL NAVY PERSONNEL NOT NOW ON DUTY NOT RETURN THEIR NAVAL BASES. CONNETT

EP-3

BT

CFN 1089

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O, 4/26/65, 4:10 P.M.

NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA, 4/26/65, 4:30 P.M.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

59

85

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action
ARA
Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC
RMR

EWA440EXX415
SDA020
OO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 020 2620000Z
O 261945Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1090
INFO RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULPAL/CINCSO
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT

1965 APR 26 PM 4 24

21873

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.22.76

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

REF: EMBTEL 1081

RIVERA CUESTA PHONED HOME OF ARMATT, WHO WAS NOT THERE. HE TALKED WITH ARMATT'S WIFE INSTEAD, TELLING HER HE WAS AT PALACE, WORKING FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH THE REBELS. HE ASKED THAT WE PASS THIS INFORMATION TO DE LOS SANTOS IN THE HOPE THAT HE WOULD SUSPEND BOMBINGS.
CFN 1090 1081

PAGE TWO RUESSD 020 C O N F I D E N T I A L
AIRATT CALLED DE LOS SANTOS, INFORMING HIM OF FOREGOING AND LATTER OFFERED SUSPEND BOMBINGS FOR ADDITIONAL HOUR.

SHORTLY THEREAFTER, RIVERA PHONED ARMATT TO REPEAT SAME INFORMATION. ARMATT INFORMED HIM OF ATTITUDE OF COL. EMILIO FERNANDEZ (EMBTEL 1082) WHICH CAME AS SURPRISE TO RIVERA CUESTA. RIVERA CUESTA SAID HE WOULD INVESTIGATE EMILIO FERNANDEZ' ATTITUDE IMMEDIATELY AND CALL BACK.

LATER, RIVERA CUESTA CALLED ARMATT FOR SECOND TIME TO SAY THAT HE HAD TALKED TO PRINCIPAL FOLLOWERS OF HERNANDO'S WHO HE SAID WERE IN COMPLETE ACCORD FOR FORMATION OF JUNTA. HE ADDED HE AND OTHERS WERE GOING OUT TO FIND HERNANDO AND TALK ABOUT PROPOSAL. POSSIBLE, OF COURSE, THAT RIVERA CUESTA'S CALLS MIGHT HAVE BEEN RUSE DESIGNED AS DELAYING TACTIC WITH AIR FORCE. WE NOT IN POSITION TO JUDGE SINCERITY OF HIS REPRESENTATION.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

MEANWHILE, FORMER POLICE COLONEL FRANCISCO CAAMANO, WHO DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS SECOND IN-COMMAND OF THE REBEL FORCES, PHONED ARMATT ASKING FOR APPOINTMENT IN LATTER'S OFFICE AT 3 PM WITH PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISER LEE ECHOLS. ARMATT AGREED RECEIVE HIM.
CONNETT
GP-3
BT

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/26/65, 4:35 PM
NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 4/26/65, 4:42 PM

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

60

85

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action ESA447EXX421
SDA021
OPR CO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 021 2620452
Info O 262030Z ZEA
SS FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO
G TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1091
SP INFO RUEPCR/JCS
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
SAH RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
L STATE GRNC
H BT
ARA C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26
P
USIA REF: DEPTEL 634
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OC
RMR

21889

1965 APR 26 PM 4 55

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.22.76

AS EVACUATION PLAN, WE RECOMMEND DUAL OPERATIONS WITH SHIPS PULLING INTO PORT OF HAINA AND HELICOPTER LIFT FROM POLO FIELD NEAR EMBAJADOR DIRECT TO SHIPS. HELICOPTERS WOULD ALSO PICK UP FROM INTERIOR POINTS, SUCH AS SANTIAGO, IF DESIRED.

WE DO NOT RECOMMEND SHIPS PULLING INTO SANTO DOMINGO PORT, AS THIS WOULD REQUIRE MOVEMENT PERSONNEL THROUGH SECTION CFN 1091

PAGE TWO RUESSD 021 C O N F I D E N T I A L
CLOSE TO ROUGHEST SECTION TOWN WHERE CROWDS ACTIVE. PORT CAPTIAN IN HAINA HAS DECLARED FOR REBELS, BUT WE PRESUME CEASE FIRE AND SAFE-CONDUCT CAN BE ARRANGED. WE RECOMMEND AGAINST SUGGESTED USE OF PUNTA CACEDO AIRPORT AS BRIDGE ACROSS OZAMA RIVER, NOW CLOSED BY PHYSICAL OBSTRUCTIONS AND POSSIBLY BY MORNING BOMBARDMENT. EVEN IF BRIDGE WERE OPEN, GROUND TRANSPORT TO AIRFIELD WOULD HAVE TO PASS THROUGH MOST DANGEROUS SECTION OF TOWN IN WHICH REBELS AND NEW GOVERNMENT MAY NOT BE ABLE ELIMINATE SMALL ARMS FIRE. WOULD BE POSSIBLE HELICOPTER LIFT TO AIRPORT, BUT WE RECOMMEND, AS PREFERABLE AND EASIER, COPERATE DIRECT TO SHIPS, WHICH WOULD ENABLE MORE RAPID TURNAROUND.

AT THIS TIME WE HAVE NO ESTIMATE NUMBER WHO WILL WANT TO BE EVACUATED ON VOLUNTARY BASIS. WE ARE PROCEEDING MAKE NECESSARY CONTACTS ARRANGE CEASE FIRE AND ASSURANCES PROTECT AMERICANS.
CONNETT
BT

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/26/65, 5:05 PM
NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, DOD, CIA 4/26/65, 5:15 PM

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

61

85 ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action NNHNESM479EXX461SDA030
OO RUEHCR
ARA DE RUESSD 030 26/2208Z
O 262208Z ZEA
Info FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1092
SS INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
G RUCKHC/CINCLANT
SP RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
SAH RUEKDA/DOD
L STATE GRNC
H BT
P C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26
USIA CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS
NSC
INR JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE
NSA
NIC SAN ISIDRO RADIO STATION HAS BEEN OFF AIR SINCE 2:00 O'CLOCK.
AID RADIO SANTO DOMINGO WENT OFF AIR AT 3:00 IN MIDDLE OF BROADCAST
PC WHICH WAS ALSO BEING TELEVIZED. TV PROGRAM CONTINUED. EMBASSY
O JUST RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT RADIO TRANSMITTER "BOMBED OUT", BUT CULTURAL CHANNEL (TV) REMAINS ON AIR.
SY
SCA PROGRAM ANNOUNCED PURPORTED FIRST ACTS OF CONGRESS WHICH
SCS DENOUNCED THOSE ELEMENTS "BOMBING AND MACHINE-GUNNING POPULA-
A TION" AND URGED ALL PEOPLE SUPPORT PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT MOLINA
PER URENA. THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE (EMBASSY MONITOR DID NOT
OPR HEAR NAME) AND THE SECRETARY OF THE CAMARA DE DIPUTADOS MANUEL
OC EMILIO LEDESMA PEREZ, AND A SENATOR FROM AZUA JESUS MELLA WERE INTRODUCED AND MADE BRIEF REMARKS. AT CONCLUSION OF PROGRAM, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT FIRST MEETING OF CONGRESS WOULD BE HELD AT 9:00 AM TOMORROW MORNING, THUS CONFIRMING THAT MEETING SCHEDULED
RMR THIS MORNING NEVER TOOK PLACE.

ANOTHER STATION LINKED TO RADIO SANTO DOMINGO HAS SINCE COME ON AIR WHICH NOW BROADCASTING SAME PROGRAM CARRIED ON TV. HOWEVER, NEW STATION IS ALMOST INAUDIBLE.

GP-3.
CONNETT
BT

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/26/65, 6:32 PM
NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 4/26/65, 7 PM

21952

1965 APR 26 PM 6 24

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.22.76

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

62

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

85 UNCLASSIFIED

Action

ARA

21953

ESA433EXX466 SDA031

1965 APR 26 PM 6.26

Info

00 RUEHC
DE RUESSD 031 26/2214Z
ZNR
O 262205Z
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1093
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT
UNCLAS APRIL 26

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

AT 3:45 MOLINA URENA APPEARED ON TV PROGRAM RADIO SANTO DOMINGO AS PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE DOMREP. MOLINA WAS SURROUNDED BY POLICE AND OFFICERS FROM MILITARY SERVICES. MOLINA CLAIMS VICTORY NEAR, WITH MAJORITY MEN IN UNIFORM OF WHATEVER SERVICE SUPPORTING "MOVIMIENTO CONSTITUCIONALISTA." ASSERTING "GRUPITO" AT CEFA AND IN DAF ONLY HOLDOUTS, ADDS THAT "FEW AIRPLANES" WILL NOT STAY COURSE OF MOVEMENT AND VICTORY NEAR. CLOSED BY ASSURING VIEWERS BOSCH WILL SOON RETURN.

MOLINA APPEAL BEING REBROADCAST AT INTERVALS.
CONNETT
BT

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/26/65, 6:30 PM
NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 4/26/65, 6:55 PM

UNCLASSIFIED

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

40

63

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

85 UNCLASSIFIED

Action
ARA
Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC

RMR

SNNNESA436EXX463SDA032
00 RUEHC
DE RUESSD 032 26/2218Z
ZNR
0 262218Z
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC INMEDIATE 1094
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT
UNCLAS APRIL 26

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

SAN ISIDRO STATION NOW BACK ON AIR COMING IN LOUD AND CLEAR. CLAIMS IT BEING HEARD ALL PARTS OF COUNTRY. THEME OF BROADCAST COMMUNIST DOMINATION REBELLIOUS FORCES. REPEATS EARLIER PROPOSAL HAVE ALL CANDIDATES WITHOUT EXCEPTION PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS TO BE HELD SEPT.

CONNETT
BT

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/26/65, 6:35 PM
NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE 4/26/65, 6:45 PM
PASSED CIA 4/26/65, 6:45 PM

21955

1965 APR 26 PM 6 31

UNCLASSIFIED

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

64

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

85-S

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action
ARA
Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
EUR
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC
RMR

NNNNESA523EXX403SDA039
OO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 039 26/2359Z
O 262359Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1095
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT

22005
1965 APR 26 PM 8 27

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLAD

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

REF DEPTEL, 634

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.22.76

RAFAEL MOLINA URENA, WHO LAMENTED HE COULD NOT LEAVE PALACE BECAUSE OF RESPONSIBILITIES THERE, NAMED TWO AIDES TO MEET WITH ME AT EMBOFF'S HOUSE IN MID-AFTERNOON. THESE WERE PRD POLITICAL COMMITTEE PRESIDENT RAFAEL LEDESMA PEREZ AND ING. LEOPOLDO ESPAILLAT NANITA, PRD MEMBER AND EX-PRESIDENT OF DOMINICAN ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION. PRD SECRETARY GENERAL ANTONIO MARTINEZ

PAGE TWO RUESSD C O N F I D E N T I A L

ALSO PRESENT.

I OUTLINED US CONCERN OVER CONTINUED VIOLENCE AND REPORTED REQUESTS BY AMERICAN CITIZENS FOR EVACUATION AND OUR WILLINGNESS EVACUATE CITIZENS OF THIRD NATIONS, ACCORDING TO REFTEL. TO REQUEST THAT CEASE FIRE BE DECLARED, SAFETY OF AMERICANS BE GUARANTEED, US SHIPS BE ALLOWED TO DOCK AND FACILITIES FOR EVACUATION (E.G. HELICOPTER LANDINGS NEXT TO HOTEL EMBAJADOR AND ENTRY INTO PORT OF HAINA BY US NAVAL VESSEL). THEY READILY AGREED COOPERATE FULLY WITH AND PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR EVACUATION EFFORT.

THEY ASKED THAT THEY BE INFORMED OF EXACT TIME WE WISHED BEGIN EVACUATION OPERATION, SO THAT THEY COULD ASSURE COMPLIANCE ON THEIR PART. I AGREED PROVIDE THIS INFO. ASKED ALSO FOR ESTIMATE OF LENGTH OF OPERATION, BUT I GAVE NONE AND THEY DID NOT INSIST.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

ATTACHES HAVE TALKED WITH GENERALS WESSIN AND DE LOS SANTOS ON THE ONE SIDE, AND WITH COLONELS EMILIO FERNANDEZ AND FRANCISCO CAMAMO ON THE OTHER, AND HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY ALL OF COOPERATION IN FORM OF CEASE FIRE TO BEGIN WHEN WE ACTUALLY READY BEGIN EVACUATION.

WE ARE SENDING SEPARATE MESSAGE ON OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF EVACUATION.

GP-3
CONNETT
BT

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/26/65, 8:24 PM
NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA 4/26/65, 8:55 PM

65

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

84

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action

INNESA525EXX506SDA040
OO RUEHCR
ARA DE RUESSD 040 27/0013Z
Info O 262359Z ZEA
SS FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
G TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1096
SP INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
SAH RUCKHC/CINCLANT
L RUEKDA/DOD
H RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
P STATE GRNC
USIA BT
NSC C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26
INR
NSA STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE
NIC
AID CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS
PC
O TV OF RADIO SANTO DOMINGO STILL ON AND VOICE RELAYED NOW ON
SY TWO COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS, LOUD AND CLEAR. CALLS URGENTLY FOR
SCA IMMEDIATE RETURN OF BOSCH SAYS CALL OF PEOPLE HE ASKED FOR IN
SCS RADIO SPEECH LAST NIGHT IS NOW MANIFEST. STATION SAYS THERE
A CAN BE NO NEGOTIATIONS WITH BANDIT WESSIN, TRUE SON OF DEVIL.
PER SAYS ONLY MILLIONAIRES AND CROOKS OPPOSE REVOLUTION. BROADCAST
OPR SAYS CLANDESTINE RADIO STATIONS OF WESSIN IN CITY WHICH IT HAD
OC

PAGE TWO RUESSD 040 C O N F I D E N T I A L
ANNOUNCED ADDRESSEES OF WERE SACKED BUT ONLY AFTER AT LEAST
TWO MISTAKES IN ADDRESSES. CALLS ON PEOPLE TO STAY ALERT AND IN
STREET. NO REFERENCE TO PROPERTY PROTECTION, BUT EMBASSY HAS
RMR ONLY TWO REPORTS OF SACKING TODAY.

TWO POLICE COLONELS REPORTED KILLED IN CITY TODAY. ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF AIR FORCE COLONEL DOMINGUEZ, POLICE COL. NIN BEHEADED BY MOB, AND HEAD PARADED THROUGH STREETS.

WESSIN RADIO, CLAIMING TO BE BROADCASTING TO ENTIRE COUNTRY FROM SAN ISIDRO LAST HEARD AT 5 PM WEAK AND DISTORTED.

GP-3
CONNETT

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O, 4/26/65, 8:45 P.M.
PASSED CIA, WHITE HOUSE, 4/26/65, 9:20 P.M.

22007

1965 APR 26 PM 8 33

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.22.76

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

44

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

66

85

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action ESA533EXX510SDA041
.....ZZ RUEKDA RUCKHC RULGN RULGF RULGGC 25 FM 8 55
OPR DE RUESSD 041 27/0036Z
Info Z 270036Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 1097
SS INFO RUEKDA/JCS
G RUCKHC/CINCLANT
SP RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
SAH RULGF/CTG 44.9
L RULGGC/COMNAVBASE GTMO
H STATE GRNC
ARA BT
P C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26
USIA REF:- EMBTEL 1091
NSC
INR SEPARATE REPORT INDICATES THAT BOTH SIDES WILLING DECLARE CEASE
NSA FIRE AND GIVE GUARANTEES WITHIN THEIR POWER TO FACILITATE
NIC EVACUATION AMERICANS AT OUR CONVENIENCE. WE SUGGEST EVACUATION
AID BE STARTED ABOUT DAYBREAK, 6:00 AM APRIL 27 AND PROCEED AS
PC RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.
O
SY WE RECOMMEND THAT PRIMARY MEANS EVACUATION BE SHIPS THROUGH
SCA PORT OF HAINA. WE ARE ARRANGING TENTATIVE CLEARANCES NOW
SCS PENDING NAMES SHIPS. WE WOULD LIKE ONE LPD OR LST TO COME INTO
A DOCK AT 6:00 AM AND SECOND SHIP TO STAND BY FOR USE, DEPENDING
PER ON NUMBER TO BE EVACUATED. WE ESTIMATE 250 AMERICANS NOW IN
OC HOTELS INCLUDING PUERTO RICANS. WE DO NOT YET HAVE ANY ESTIMATE
NUMBER RESIDENTS WISHING DEPART. WE ARE ATTEMPTING COMMUNICATE
DIRECTLY WITH SHIPS BUT ARE NOT YET IN CONTACT.

RMR WE ARE CHECKING ON NUMBER DESIRING EVACUATION OUTSIDE SANTO
DOMINGO AREA AND WE MAY WISH HELICOPTER PICKUP FROM INTERIOR
AREAS. WE MAY ALSO WISH ESTABLISH HELICOPTER SHUTTLE FROM POLO
FIELD NEAR EMBAJADOR TO SHIPS IF NUMBER DESIRING EVACUATION
BECOMES LARGE. SUCH SHUTTLE MIGHT ALSO PROVIDE MEANS COPTER
RECONNAISSANCE AND COMMUNICATIONS.

REQUEST REPLY SOONEST.

GP-3
COMMETT
BT

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/26/65, 8:59 PM
NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, DOD, CIA 4/26/65, 9:10 PM

22017

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.22.76

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

45

67

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

85

Action

ARA

Info

SS

G

SP

SAH

L

H

P

USIA

NSC

INR

NSA

NIC

AID

PC

O

SY

SCA

SCS

A

PER

OPR

OC

RMR

22042

1965 APR 26 PM 10 05

ESA550EXX524SDA047
OO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 047 27/0145Z
O 270132Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1098
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.22.76

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

REBEL RADIO JUST BROADCAST PENA GOMEZ REPORT ON CONVERSATION HE JUST HELD WITH COL. FERNANDEZ AT PALACE. PENA GOMEZ CLAIMED REVOLUTION ON WAY TO VICTORY, BUT DEVOTED BODY OF REMARKS TO WARNINGS THAT VESSIN AND AIR FORCE WILL POSSIBLY MAKE "DESPERATE LAST DITCH ATTACK" ON CITY TONIGHT OVER EITHER, OR BOTH, BRIDGE APPROACHES AND WARNED ALSO OF POSSIBLE "INFILTRATION" OF TROOPS VIA ROAD INTO CITY FROM SAN CRISTOBAL. URGED ALL REBEL TROOPS

PAGE TWO RUESSD 047 C O N F I D E N T I A L
REPAIR TO APPROACHES TO CITY.

PENA GOMEZ ALSO MADE APPEAL FOR SUPPORT OF "DEMOCRATIC" PARTIES IN VENEZUELA, GUATEMALA, COSTA RICA AND ELSEWHERE, AS WELL AS OF NORMAN THOMAS, SENATOR MORSE, ROBERT J. ALEXANDER AND VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY.

WE HESITATE TO COMMIT OURSELVES, BUT WE HAVE NOTED DISTINCT NOTE OF UNCERTAINTY IN REBEL BROADCASTS IN PAST HALF HOUR OR MORE. PENA GOMEZ WAS MOST ILLUSTRATIVE ONE OF SERIES SO FAR.
GP-3
CONNETT
BT

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O, 4/26/65, 10:10 P.M.
NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA, 4/26/65, 10:20 P.M.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

68

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

6-85 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE 22093 APR 27 AM 12 50

Action RR RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 058 27/0347Z
R 270140Z ZEA
MED FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
Info TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC 1099
INFO RUEKDA/DOD
SS STATE GRNC
G BT
SP
SAH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE APRIL 26
L
H JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE
ARA AT PRESENT CASUALTIES ESTIMATED BETWEEN ONE AND TWO HUNDRED.
P REQUEST FOLLOWING DRUGS BE MADE AVAILABLE IN LISTED ORDER OF
USIA PRIORITY:
NSC
INR 1. FLUIDS:
NSA A. HUMAN BLOOD
NIC B. DEXTRAN
AID C. 5 PERCENT DEXTROS IN SALINE SOLUTION
PC D. 5 PERCENT DEXTROS IN WATER
O E. 5 PERCENT DEXTROS IN NORMAL SALINE SOLUTION
SY
SCA 2. INJECTIONABLE DRUGS:
SCS A. MORPHINE
A B. ADRENALINE
PER C. HYDROCORTISONE
OPR
OC 3. GENERAL ANTIBIOTICS:
A. PENICILLIN
B. TERRAMYCIN

RMR 4. VAZO PRESSERS:
A. ARAMINE
B. WYAMINE

QUANTITIES NEEDED COULD BE BASED ON 200 TO 300 WOUND CASES TO BE TREATED. SUPPLIES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE HOSPITALS IN SANTO DOMINGO AS WELL AS HOSPITAL SAN ISIDRO. IF SUPPLIES CAN BE AIRLIFTED BELIEVE WE CAN ASSURE CLEARANCE LAND AT PUNTA CAUCEDO.

PLEASE ADVISE.
CONNETT
BT

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O AT 1:08 A.M. APRIL 27

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

69

86

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

2206

1965 APR 26 PM 10 41

Action ARA

Info SS G SP SAH L H P USIA NSC INR NSA AID PC O SY SCA SCS A PER OPR OC RMR

ESA55SEXX530SDA050
OO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 050 27/0216Z
O 270153Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1100
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.22.76

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

EL CARIBE JUST TOLD US THAT FORMER COUNCIL OF STATE PRESIDENT RAFAEL BONNELLY, HIS SON-IN-LAW, PAPI BISONO, AND FORMER TRIUMVIR RAMON TAPIA ARE UNDER ARREST IN SANTIAGO, AND THAT BONNELLY'S DAUGHTER'S HOME WAS "RAZED". WE HAVE RELIABLE REPORT THAT ANGEL SEVERO CABRAL AND HIS FAMILY WERE TAKEN TO PALACE THIS AFTERNOON AFTER GROUP COMPOSED OF 25 REGULAR TROOPS WITH ONE OFFICER AND 15 MILITIA ACCOMPANIED BY CROWD MACHINE-GUNNED HIS SECOND-STORY

APARTMENT AND KILLED HOUSEBOY UPON ENTERING.

DOMINICAN NAVAL UNITS OFFSHORE FIRED SIX STAR-SHELLS OVER OLD SANTO DOMINGO AIRFIELD LITTLE WHILE AGO. WE UNAWARE OF PURPOSE.

WE HAVE REPORT WESSIN PLANS SEND DETACHMENT TO TRY SECURE CITY-SIDE APPROACH TO OZAMA BRIDGE TONIGHT.

MOST REBEL COMMENTARY ON SITUATION BEGINS AND ENDS WITH VICIOUS ATTACKS ON WESSIN AND REBEL RADIO HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN ATTEMPTING DRIVE WEDGE BETWEEN WESSIN AND HIS TROOPS. REBELS REPORTED SHORT TIME AGO, FOR INSTANCE, THAT CONTINGENT OF 40 TROOPS WESSIN HAD ALLEGEDLY SENT TO SAN PEDRO DE MACORIS FOR UNKNOWN PURPOSE HAD DEFECTED TO REBELS AND WAS NOW ENGAGED IN DEFENDING BRIDGE THERE.

EARLIER, PRD'S PABLO RAFAEL CASIMIRO CASTRO WAS ON AIR EXHORTING CITIZENS FROM "HIS" SOUTHWEST (HE IS SENATOR FROM PEDERNALES) TO GO PEACEFULLY INTO STREETS TO SUPPORT REVOLUTION AND CLAIMED 35

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

MUNICIPALITIES IN AREA HAD DECLARED SELVES WITH REBELS. ON OTHER HAND, RADIO JUST MADE APPEAL TO PEOPLE OF SAN FRANCISCO DE MACORIS TO JOIN REVOLUTION "WHILE THEY STILL HAVE TIME".

IN "SPECIAL BULLETIN" REBELS REPORTED WHAT SOUNDED LIKE WIRE-SERVICE REPORT THAT DOMINICAN P-51 HAD LANDED AT RAMEY AFB IN

PAGE THREE RUESSD 050 C O N F I D E N T I A L
PUERTO RICO. (THIS IS OBVIOUSLY SAME PLANE REPORTED TO US BY NY TIMES CORRESPONDENT, TAD SZULC).

GP-3
CONNETT
BT

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O, 4/26/65, 10:45 P.M.
NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA, 4/26/65, 10:50 P.M.

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

71

4

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action NNNNESA571KSDA060
*****ZZ RUEHCR
ARA DE RUESSD 060 27/0411Z
Info Z 270406Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 1102
SS STATE GRNC
G BT
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC
RMR

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.22.76

22083

1965 APR 27 AM 12 22

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26

REF: DEPTEL FLASH 641

PURPOSE 6:00 AM TARGET WAS MAKE MAXIMUM USE DAYLIGHT HOURS. AMERICANS NOT IN HOTELS HAVE BEEN TOLD COME TO STAGING AREA AT SIX WHEN WILL BE DOCUMENTED. THOSE IN HOTELS BEING DOCUMENTED TONIGHT. FROM RESPONSE SO FAR WE ESTIMATE TOTAL SEEKING EVACUATION WILL BE 800 - 1000.

WE AGREEABLE 12 NOON TARGET IF NECESSARY, BUT WOULD PREFER 9:00 AM IF AT ALL POSSIBLE TO GET EVACUATION UNDER WAY.

BECAUSE OF DANGER OF SMALL-ARMS FIRE FROM ARMED CIVILIANS, REQUEST NO HELICOPTER FLIGHTS BE MADE WITHOUT PRIOR CLEARANCE FROM EMBASSY AND ISSUANCE APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS.

GP-3
CONNETT
BT

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O, 4-27-65, 12:25 A.M.
PASSED WHITE HOUSE, DOD, CIA, 4-27-65, 12:28 A.M.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

72

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

6-85

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action 00 RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 064 27/0500Z
ARA 0 270450Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
Info TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1103
INFO RUEKDA/JCS
SS RUCKHC/CINCLANT
G RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
NSC RULGRAJ/CTG 44.9
INR RULGGC/COMNAVBASE GTMO
NSA RUETCR/RAMEY AFB PR
O STATE GRNC
SY BT
A
PER
OPR
OC
RMR

22103

1965 APR 27 AM 1 17

IMMEDIATE

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3-1-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-22-76

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 26

RAMEY AFB FOR COL. TAYLOE

DEPTEL 637

AMBASSADOR BENNETT NOW AT RAMEY. HE PLANS ARRIVE PUNTA CAUCEDO AIRPORT 9:15 AM TOMORROW LOCAL TIME. REQUEST CTG 44.9 PROVIDE HELICOPTER TRANSPORTATION TO MEET HIM AT PUNTA CAUCEDO UPON ARRIVAL AND TRANSPORT HIM TO POLO FIELD JUST WEST OF HOTEL EMBAJADOR IN SANTO DOMINGO.

HELICOPTER SHOULD KEEP AWAY FROM SHORE AND SHOULD APPROACH EMBAJADOR AT HIGH ALTITUDE TO AVOID POSSIBLE SMALL-ARMS FIRE FROM ARMED CIVILIANS, KEEPING SLIGHTLY TO WEST OF FAIR GROUNDS

PAGE TWO RUESSD 064 C O N F ID E N T I A L
AND APPROACHING HOTEL FROM WEST SIDE.

WE HAVE OBTAINED APPROPRIATE FLIGHT CLEARANCES FROM SANTO DOMINGO AUTHORITIES BUT AIRPORT UNDER CONTROL SAN ISIDRO FORCES. SAN ISIDRO NOT ANSWERING PHONE AND WE HAVE THEREFORE BEEN UNABLE OBTAIN NECESSARY CLEARANCE FROM THEM.

IN VIEW FOREGOING REQUEST FLIGHTS NOT REPEAT NOT BE INITIATED UNTIL WE CAN PROVIDE CLEARANCES FROM SAN ISIDRO. MEANWHILE, WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION FROM CTG 44.9 OF ABILITY TO EXECUTE HELICOPTER MISSION.

GP-3
CONNETT
BT
NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, DOD, CIA APRIL 27, 1:28 A.M.
ALSO PASSED S/S-O APRIL 27, 1:20 A.M.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED".

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

73

6

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

22104

Action

OO RUEHCR
ARA DE RUESSD 065 27/0507Z
O 270458Z ZEA

1965 APR 27 AM 1 24

IMMEDIATE

Info

FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1104
SS INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
G RUCKHC/CINCLANT
SP RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
SAM RUEKDA/DOD
L STATE GRNC
M BT
P CONFIDENTIAL APRIL 26
USIA CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS
NSC
IDR JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE
NSA
NIC JUAN BOSCH HEARD AGAIN OVER RADIO SANTO DOMINGO HOOKUP FROM
AID SAN JUAN. BOSCH SAID: "FOR THREE DAYS FRONT PAGES OF WORLD'S
PG NEWSPAPERS HAVE BEEN SPEAKING OF YOUR HEROISM. RADIO AND TELE-
O VISION HAVE GIVEN ALL THEIR TIME TO DR. TODAY, ALL US DOMINICANS
SY FEEL PRIDE IN WHICH HEMISPHERE HOLDS US. YOU HAVE RAISED
SGA DOMINICANS TO THEIR HIGHEST APOGEE. BUT MOST IMPORTANT IS NOT
SCB TO BEGIN...BUT TO FINISH, AND TO FINISH WELL. IF YOU CONTINUE
A
PER PAGE TWO RUESSD PYT CONFIDENTIAL
OPB RESISTING BARBARISM AS YOU HAVE TO NOW, YOU WILL COMPLETE ONE OF
CG MOST GLORIOUS PAGES IN DOMINICAN HISTORY. I AM NOT WITH YOU
BECAUSE ALL AIRPORTS ARE CLOSED. I WILL BE THERE ON FIRST
PLANE WHEN THEY REOPEN."
RUR
BOSCH REMARKS OBVIOUSLY INTENDED GIVE SHOT IN ARM TO REBELS WHO
CONTINUALLY CLAIMING OVER RADIO THEY ABOUT TO BE ATTACKED AT
DUARTE BRIDGE WITH NAPALM BOMBS. EYE-WITNESS REPORTED SHORT TIME
AGO THAT STAR-SHELLS BURSTING NEAR BRIDGE BUT NO BOMBING OR
APPARENT FIGHTING.

~~GP-3~~
CONNETT

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 1:30 A.M., APRIL 27, 1965, PASSED WHITE HOUSE, DOD AND CIA 1:59 A.M., APRIL 27, 1965.

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.22.76

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

102

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

4 ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ 23346

1965 APR 28 AM 1 53

IMMEDIATE

Action
ARA
Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
OPR
RMR

GO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 169 28/0450Z
O 280425Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1133
INFO RUESBG/AMEMBASSY BOGOTA 17
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULPAL/CINCSO
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.22.76

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 27

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLAD

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR TELLS ME MOLINA URENA, ENRIQUILLO DEL ROSARIO, AND OTHERS HAVE TAKEN ASYLUM IN HIS EMBASSY. LOVATON, REBEL FOREIGN MINISTER, ALREADY IN ECUADOREAN EMBASSY. ZARATE, WHO IS ACTING DEAN OF CORPS IN ABSENCE NUNCIO AND WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN EFFORTS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS TRYING TO GET PARTIES TOGETHER TO TALK, HAS HAD VISITS FROM ROUGHLY SAME DELEGATIONS AS THIS EMBASSY. HE SEES SITUATION IN VERY SIMILAR TERMS, CONSIDERING HIMSELF A LIBERAL.
CFN 1133 17

PAGE TWO RUESSD C O N F I D E N T I A L
ZARATE SAID ISSUE HERE QUICKLY TURNED FROM FIGHT "TO RESTORE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT" TO FIGHT BETWEEN COMMUNISM AND NON-COMMUNISM. HE SAID HE TOLD VISITING FRD DELEGATIONS THEIR PARTY HAD FALLEN UNDER DOMINATION OF COMMUNISTS AND HE DENOUNCED TO THEM SUCH "SAVAGERY" AS SEIZING WOMEN AND CHILDREN, TAKING THEM TO DURATE BRIDGE AND PARADING THEM ON TELEVISION. HE CONSIDERED MATTER NOW DECIDED AND SAID HE HAD BEGUN TELEGRAM TO BOGOTA LATE TODAY WITH STATEMENT "TODAY THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WON MAJOR VICTORY OVER CASTROISM." BENNETT

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 2:07 A.M., APRIL 28, 1965, PASSED WHITE HOUSE AND CIA 2:16 A.M., APRIL 28, 1965.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

(81)

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

103 ~~JJ~~ ~~LOP~~ ~~SS~~

DH

4
Action

SS
Info

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.23.76

23343

1965 APR 28 AM 1 48

RR RUEHCR RUFJAB
DE RUESSD 170 280445Z
R 280445Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC 1134
INFO RUFJAB/AMEMBASSY ROME EIGHT
STATE GRNC
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 27

LINDIS

REF: DEPTEL NO. 654

SINCE IT IS ESTIMATED COMMERCIAL AIR SERVICES WILL BE RESUMED APRIL 27 OR 28, SUGGEST NO PARTICULAR PURPOSE IN MAKING SPECIAL EFFORT RETURN CLARIZIO HERE. WHILE I LIKE NUNCIO PERSONALLY, HE HAS BECOME SOMEWHAT CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE HERE, AND DOUBTFUL HE WOULD BE IN POSITION MAKE ANY SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO SITUATION. BENNETT
GP-3
BT
CFN 1134 654 27 28

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

104

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

45

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action
ARA

23630

1965 APR 28 AM 8 11

Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
NSC
INR
CIA
NSA
AID
OPR
RMR

XXXXFVZEAESA863EXX793SDA183
OO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 183 28/1157Z
O 281135Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1136
INFO RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULPAL/CINCSO
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3·1·76
By LW, NARS, Date 3·23·76

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 28

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE

GENERAL DE LOS SANTOS MAKES URGENT REQUEST FOR 50 SETS WALKIE TALKIE COMPLETE WITH EXTRA BATTERIES FOR USE BY MILITARY FORCES AND POLICE IN MOP-UP OPERATIONS TODAY IN SANTO DOMINGO.

EMBASSY RECOMMENDS STRONGLY THESE BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM RESOURCES IN PUERTO RICO AND BE FLOWN TO SAN ISIDRO AIR BASE THIS MORNING WITH FLIGHT CLEARANCE PROCESSED THROUGH AIR ATTACHE.
BENNETT
BT
CFN 1136 50

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O AT 8:20 AM, 4/28/65.
PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA AT 8:40 AM, 4/28/65.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

106

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

49-41

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action
ARA

Info
SS
G
NSC
INR
MED
OPR
RMR

ESA883EXX810SDA189
OO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 189 28/1510Z
O 281500Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
INFO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1138
RUEKDA/DOD
RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULGRAJ/CTG 44.9
STATE GRNC
BT

23865
1965 APR 28 AM 11 15

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.23.76

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 28

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS
JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

REF: YOUR 281337Z

TYPING REFRIGERATION OTHER FACILITIES USE WHOLE BLOOD NOT AVAILABLE HERE. DEXTRAN NEEDED.

GP-3
BENNETT

NOTE: ADVANCE DELIVERY TO S/S-O 4/28/65 AT 11:49 AM
PASSED WHITE HOUSE AND CIA AT 11:57 AM

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

108

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

44

UNCLASSIFIED

23912

1965 APR 28 PM 12-05

Action
ARA

Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
AID
PC
O
SY
SCA
SCS
A
PER
OPR
OC
RMR

NNNNESA894
*****ZZ RUEH
DE RUESSD 193 28/1557Z
ZNR
Z 281553Z
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 1141
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DOD
RULGRAJ/CTG 44.9
STATE GRNC
BT
UNCLAS APRIL 28

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

AIR FORCE RADIO BROADCASTING WARNING TO CIVILIANS IN AREA WHERE REBELS ENTRENCHED WITH "MACHINE GUNS, MORTARS, BAZOOKAS, AND FIELD PIECES" TO EVACUATE THESE AREA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND NAMED FOLLOWING SAFEHAVENS: GOLF COURSE AT HOTEL EMBAJADOR ON WESTERN EDGE OF CITY, BASEBALL STADIUM, AND RACE TRACK IN NORTHERN PART OF CITY. AIR FORCE APPEALED TO REBELS TO DEPOSE ARMS, BUT SAID IF THEY WISH FIGHT TO DEATH THEY WILL SOON HAVE THEIR WISH FULFILLED.
BENNETT
BT

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O AT 12:11 PM, 4/28/65.

NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA AT 12:25 PM, 4/28/65.

UNCLASSIFIED

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

87

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

110

44

UNCLASSIFIED

Action
ARA

23970

1965 APR 28 PM 12 40

ESA903EUSDA196
Info ....ZZ RUEHC
SS DE RUESSD 196 28/1634Z
G ZNR
SP Z 281629Z
SAH FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
L TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 1143
H INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
P RUCKHC/CINCLANT
USIA RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
NSC RUEKDA/DOD
INR RULGRAJ/CTG 44.9
NSA STATE GRNC
AID BT
PC UNCLAS APRIL 28
OPR

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

RMR

AIR FORCE RADIO JUST ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF MILITARY JUNTA COMPOSED AS FOLLOWS: COLONEL PEDRO BARTOLOME BENIOT, REPRESENTING AIR FORCE; COLONEL ENRIQUE APOLINAR CASADO SALADIN, REPRESENTING ARMY; AND CAPTAIN MANUEL SANTANA CARRASCO, REPRESENTING NAVY.

ANNOUNCEMENT SAID JUNTA'S PRINCIPAL PURPOSE IS TO PREPARE NATION FOR FREE AND DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS AND SUBSEQUENT INSTALLATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL REGIME. SAID JUNTA IS PLEDGED TO HONOR ALL TRADITIONAL DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN COMMITMENTS.
BENNETT
BT
NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O AT 12:44 PM 4/28/65
PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA AT 12:59 PM 4/28/65

UNCLASSIFIED

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

89

111

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

44
Action
ARA
Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
AID
PC
O
SY
PR
A
RMR

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

NNNNESA913EXX848SDA197
OO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 197 28/1640Z
O 281635Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1144
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RUEKDA/DOD
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RULGRAJ/CTG 44.9
STATE GRNC
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 28

24049
1965 APR 28 PM 1:19

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.23.76

STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

TWO POLICE STATIONS RELIABLY REPORTED OVERRUN BY REBELS, ONE GROUP LED BY CAAMANO. 100 POLICE UNIFORMS TAKEN FROM ONE STATION. HOWEVER, CAAMANO NOW SURROUNDED IN STATION AT PALACE OF JUSTICE AND BEING GIVEN CHOICE OF SURRENDER OR DIRECT ATTACK.

ACCORDING EMBOFF WHO TURNED BACK WHEN SAW STREET BLOCKED, APPEARED SHORT WHILE AGO THAT TRUCK-LOAD OF IRREGULARS HAD ENGAGED SOLDIERS OF PALACE GUARD TWO BLOCKS FROM EMBASSY. BRIEF FIRE-FIGHT APPARENTLY OVER NOW.

EYEWITNESS IN HOTEL COMMERCIAL, FACING FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK REPORTS THAT LOOTERS HAVE BROKEN INTO BANK AND APPARENTLY TRYING TO GET INTO VAULT.

GP-3
BENNETT

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O AT 1:21 PM, 4/28/65.
PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA AT 1:45 PM, 4/28/65.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

91

114

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

44
Action

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

24107

1965 APR 28 PM 1 52

ARA
Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
NIC
AID
PC
OPR
RMR

00 RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 204 28/1740Z
O 281733Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1147
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RUEKDA/DOD
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RULGRAJ/CTG 44.9
STATE GRNC
BT

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.23.76

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 28

STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REPORT SOUTH-EAST SECTION OF CITY THIS SIDE OF OZAMA UNDER CONTROL OF REBELS. PERSONS THERE FEAR BOMBING PER AIR FORCE ANNOUNCEMENT REPT REFTEL 1141. HAVE ALSO BEEN TOLD BY REBEL FORCES THAT PERSONS ATTEMPTING FLEE AREA WILL BE KILLED.

EMBASSY RECEIVING REPORTS OF RUMORS AROUND TOWN THAT US SUPPLYING FUEL TO DOMINICAN AIR FORCE TO ENABLE IT BOMBARD CITY. SEVERAL CALLS RECEIVED HERE ASKING INTERVENTION WITH DOMINICAN AIR FORCE TO CALL OFF ITS ANNOUNCED BOMBARDMENT.

EMBASSY HAS ALSO RECEIVED REPORTS THAT POLICEMEN CAPTURED ARE BEING UNDRESSED AND SENT HOME IN UNDERWEAR.

GP-3
BENNETT
BT
NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O AT 2:25 PM 4/28/65
PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA AT 2:35 PM 4/28/65

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

03

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

115

44
Action

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

24135

ARA
Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
USIA
NSC
INR
NSA
AID
PC
OPR
RMR

XXXXFVXXXXFZEAMESA927EXX863SDA206
OO RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 206 28/1805Z
O 281758Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1148
INFO RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DOD
STATE GRNC
BT

1965 APR 28 PM 2 12

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.22.76

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 28

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

SAN ISIDRO RADIO STATION HIFA--"VOICE OF DOMINICAN ARMED FORCES", IS ONLY STATION ON AIR COMING IN LOUD AND CLEAR. TWO OTHER STATIONS HEARD VERY FAINTLY BROADCASTING IN SPANISH. DIFFICULT PINPOINT FREQUENCIES AND APPEAR BE SHORTWAVE AND CARRYING ROUTINE BROADCASTS FROM SOMEWHERE IN CARIBBEAN, VENEZUELA OR CENTRAL AMERICA. FROM TONE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT APPEAR BE CUBAN, BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE WORD FROM DEPARTMENT AS TO WHAT US MONITORS MAY HAVE PICKED UP CONCERNING BROADCASTS (IF ANY) THAT MAY BE BEING BEAMED TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

GP-3
BENNETT
BT

Note: Advance copy to S/S-O at 2:17 p.m. 4/28/65
Passed to White House & CIA at 2:30 p.m. 4/28/65

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

117

81-80
Action

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

24324

ZCZCEIB671

1965 APR 28 PM 4 54

ARA
Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
M
MSG
INR
ROR

.....
ZZ RUEH
THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN PASSED USIB AGENCIES

XCRITIC XCRITIC XCRITIC XCRITIC
.....
ZCZC
ZZ YEKAAH
DE YEKADL 28/2034Z APR
ZKZK ZZ ZZZ DE
Z 282015Z ZYH
FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO DIRNSA
ZEM
C I N F I D E N T I A L CRITIC NBR FOUR

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.23.76

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REQUEST BY NEWLY FORMED JUNTA FOR US MILITARY ASSISTANCE:

MILITARY JUNTA OF GOVERNMENT, CONSCIOUS THAT PRESENT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT AGAINST DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS JUNTA REPRESENTS, IS DIRECTED BY COMMUNISTS AND IS OF AUTHENTIC COMMUNIST STAMP, AS SHOWN BY EXESSES COMMITTED AGAINST POPULATION, MASS ASSASSINATIONS, SACKINGS OF PRIVATE PROPERTY, CONSTANT INCITATIONS TO CONTINUE FIGHT BROADCAST BY RADIO HABANA, AND WHICH MOVEMENT, IF VICTORIOUS, WILL CONVERT THIS COUNTRY INTO ANOTHER CUBAN WE REQUEST, WITH RESPONSIBILITY AND IN CATEGORIC MANNER, THAT UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT LEND US ITS UNLIMITED AND IMMEDIATE MILITARY ASSISTANCE SO THAT SUCH GRAVE SITUATION MAY DEFINITIVELY BE CONTROLLED. BENNETT

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O, 4/28/65, 4:54 PM

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

118

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

84

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action

24340

ARA ZCZCEIB674

1965 APR 28 PM 5 16

Info ZZ RUEH

SS THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN PASSED USIB AGENCIES

G

SP

SAH XCRITIC XCRITIC XCRITIC XCRITIC

.....

L ZCZC

H ZZ YEKAAH

NSC DE YEKADL 28/2050Z APR

INR ZKZK ZZ ZZZ DE

OPR Z 282040Z ZYH

FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

TO DIRNSA

RMR ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A LCRITIC NBR ~~FOUR~~ FIVE

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

REGRET REPORT SITUATION DETERIORATING RAPIDLY. SAN ISIDRO PILITS WHO HAVE BEEN PRINCIPAL ELEMENT IN JUNTA FORCES TIRED AND DISCOURAGED. ARMY LEADERSHIP DISORGANIZED ALTHOUGH MONTAS JUST NAMED COMMANDER IN CHIEF ARMED FORCES, IN EFFORT MOBILIZE ARMY EFFORT. POLCCE CHIEF DESPRADEL INFORMS HIS MOPPING UP OPERATIONS HAVE MET SUCH VIOLENT RESISTANCE HE CAN NO LONGER CONTINUE AND THAT HIS MAXIMUM CAPABILITY NOW IS DEFENSE OF FEW KEY INSTALLATIONS. WESSIN STILL EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE, BUT OBVIOUSLY WEARY AND SPEAKING OF NEED FOR MORE MEN. RIVERA CAMINERO WORRIED AND DISCOURAGED. DE LOS SANTOS AND MONTAS STILL FULL OF FIGHT.

CHIEF MAAG JUST RETURNED FROM SAN ISIDRO WHERE MOST ABOVE OFFICERS NOW GATHERED FOUND GENERAL ATMOSPHERE DEJECTED AND EMOTIONAL, WITH NUMBER OF OFFICERS WEEPING. BELISARIO PEGUERO THERE ALSO IN HYSTERICAL MOOD URGIN-"RETREAT."

BENOIT OF JUNTA SENT FORMAL REQUEST U.S. SUPPLY TROOPS, TOLD MAAG CHIEF THAT WITHOUT HELP THEY WOULD "HAVE TO QUIT." IN VIEW THIS REPORT AND RECENT MESSAGES THROUGH CAS, COUNTRY TEAM UNANIMOUSLY OF OPINION THAT, NOW THAT WE HAVE REQUEST FROM MILITARY JUNTA FOR ASSISTANCE, TIME HAS COME TO LAND THE MARINES.

AMERICAN LIVES ARE IN DANGER. WE SUGGEST, SUBJECT CONDITIONS AT MOMENT. MARINES ESTABLISH BEACH HEAD IN HOTEL EMBAJADOR.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

DECLASSIFIED
Authority State 10/17/79 re NLJ-79-57
By MIE, NARS, Date 11/7/79

7

VICINITY CENTERING ON POLO FIELD WHICH CAN BE USED BY HELICOPTERS FOR LANDING. WE WOULD ALSO BE GLAD HAVE DETACHMENT TAKE POSSESSION EMBASSY GROUNDS. IF WASHINGTON WISHES, THEY CAN BE LANDED FOR PURPOSE PROTECT EVACUATION AMERICAN CITIZENS. WE HAVE JUST BEEN TOLD BY POLICE CHIEF, FOR INSTANCE, THAT HE CANNOT PROVIDE PROTECTION ROUTE HAINA NAVAL BASE WHICH HAS BEEN USED UNTIL NOW FOR EVACUATIONS.

I RECOMMEND IMMEDIATE LANDING. BENNETT

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O, 4/28/65, 5:16 p.m.

119

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

87-82
Action

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

24425

ZCZCEIB678

1935 APR 28 PM 7 29

ARA ....
Info ZZ RUEH
SS THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN PASSED USIB AGENCIES
G
SP EKAAH
SAH DE YEKADL 231 28/2302ZAPR
L ZKZK ZZ ZZZ DE
H ZJWIWEPPZ ZYH
P FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
USIA TO DIRNSA
NSC ZEM
INR C O N F I D E N T I A L CRITIC NBR SIX APRIL 28
AID JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE
PC SECSTATE FOR MANN
O
SY 1. FURTHER RE MY EARLIER STATEMENT AMERICAN LIVES IN DANGER.
SCA POLICE CHIEF DESPRADEL HAS INFORMED US HE CAN NO LONGER GUARANTEE
SCS SAFETY AMERICANS EN ROUTE EVACUATION AREA.
A
PER 2. HAVE JUST HAD FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM COL. BANOIT OF JUNTA,
FBO RELAYED OVER CARRIER COMMUNICATIONS NET:
OPR
OC "SITUATION DETERIORATING RAPIDLY. REQUEST URGENT REPLY MY
OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE." HE IS 16 MILES AWAY AND ONLY
COMMUNICATION OVER OPEN CHANNEL. AM THEREFORE SENDING AIRATT
KMR

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW ; NARS, Date 3.23.76

PAGE TWO RUESSD C O N F I D E N T I A L
BY HELICOPTER TO GET STATEMENT FROM HIM. I HAVE NO DOUBT WHATEVER
HE WILL GIVE IT.

3. DELEGATION RESIDENT AMERICAN CITIZENS JUST LEFT MY OFFICE,
HAVING ADVISED NO PROTECTION THEIR RESIDENTIAL AREAS, AND THEIR
BELIEF AMERICANS WILL BE LOGICAL TARGET OF LEFTIST MOBS WHO
HAVE BEEN SACKING SO MANY DOMINICAN HOMES.

4. POLICE UNABLE FILL REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL GUARD DUTY EVEN
LAST NIGHT. THEIR NUMBERS ARE STRAPPED ALREADY, AS REPORTED
EARLIER, AND IT OBVIOUS THEY CANNOT PROTECT INDIVIDUAL HOMES.
WE ARE RECOMMENDING AMERICANS ASSEMBLE EMBAJADOR HOTEL FOR
EVACUATION. NATURALLY, MANY PERMANENT RESIDENTS NOT ANXIOUS
TAKE THIS STEP.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

(110)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

-2- CRITIC NBR SIX, APRIL 28 FROM SANTO DOMINGO

5. AID OFFICE JUST BROKEN INTO, EVACUATION AREA BEING FIRED ON BY REBELS.

GP-3
BENNETT
BT
ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 4/28/65, 7:30 PM

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

only copy

INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

121

84

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action

24338

ESA981SDA217

ARA

00 RUEHCR

1965 APR 28 PM 5 11

DE RUESSD 217 282005Z

Info

O 282000Z ZEA

SS

FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO

G

TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1151

SP

INFO RUCKHC/CINCLANT

SAH

RULPAL/CINCSO

RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON

L

RUEKDA/DOD

H

STATE GRNC

P

BT

USIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 28

NSC

INR

CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

NSA

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

AID

PC

WE HAVE REPORT TELEPHONE COMPANY HEADQUARTERS AND ROYAL BANK OF CANADA BUILDING NOW IN REBEL HANDS. SEEMS NO SERIOUS EFFORTS HAVE YET BEEN MADE TO TAKE POLICE STATION NEAR PALACE OF JUSTICE WHICH STILL IN COL. CAAMANO'S HANDS. BENNETT

OPR

RMR

GP-3

BT

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O, 4/28/65, 5:20 P.M.

NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA, 4/28/65, 5:28 P.M.

DECLASSIFIED

Authority STATE 3.1.76

By LW, NARS, Date 3.23.76

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

125

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

24436

87
Action

EIC217ESB762EXX 966 SDA232

1965 APR 28 PM 7 52

....ZZ RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 232 28/2327Z
ZZH
Z 282315Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC 1155 FLASH
INFO RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RULPAL/CINCSO
RULGN/COMCARIBSEAFRON
RUEKDA/DOD
RULGRAJ/CTG FOUR FOUR PT NINE
GRNC
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
CINCSO AND CINCLANT FOR POLADS

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

IN VIEW OF RAPID DETERIORATING SITUATION HERE I HAVE JUST ASKED BOXER TO PROVIDE HELICOPTER EVACUATION OF AMERICANS ASSEMBLING IN EMBAJADOR HOTEL, INCLUDING COMPANY FOR SECURITY PURPOSES IN VIEW OF SNIPPING GOING AROUND EMBASSY BUILDING. I HAVE ALSO REQUESTED PATHFINDER PLATOON TO LAND ON EMBASSY GROUNDS FOR PROTECTION OF CHANCERY. I HOPE THIS ACTION WILL GIVE SOME HEART TO LOYAL FORCES. BREAKDOWN OF ALL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY AND POSSIBILITY THAT REMAINING FORCES AVAILABLE TO IT MAY SOON TIRE OR BECOME PHYSICALLY INCAPABLABLE OF MAINTAINING THEIR PRESENT POSITION, I RECOMMEND SERIOUS THOUGHT BE GIVEN IN WASHINGTON TO ARMED INTERVENTION WHICH WOULD GO BEYOND THE MERE PROTECTION OF AMERICANS AND SEEK TO ESTABLISH ORDER IN THIS STRIFE-RIDDEN COUNTRY. ALL INDICATIONS POINT TO THE FACT THAT, IF PRESENT EFFORTS OF FORCES LOYAL TO THE GOVERNMENT FAIL, POWER WILL BE ASSUMED BY GROUPS CLEARLY IDENTIFIED WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY. IF THE SITUATION DESCRIBED ABOVE COMES TO PASS, MY OWN RECOMMENDATION AND THAT OF COUNTRY TEAM IS THAT WE SHOULD INTERVENE TO PREVENT ANOTHER CUBA FROM ARISING OUT OF THE ASHES OF THIS UNCONTROLLABLE SITUATION.

PENDING THIS DECISION, WE RECOMMEND THAT ADDITIONAL MILITARY UNITS BE DISPATCHED TO THIS AREA SINCE PRESENT FORCES AVAILABLE ARE CONSIDERED INADEQUATE TO PERFORM THE MISSION I HAVE SUGGESTED AS OUR LAST RESORT. BENNETT
BT
ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O, 4/28/65, 7:49 P.M.
NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, CIA, 4/28/65, 7:58 P.M.

ORIGIN: SS, G, SP, SAH, L, H, P, USIA, NSC, INR, NSA, AID, PC, O, SY, SCA, SCS, A, PER, FBO, OPR, OC, RMR

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.23.76

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

(112)

126

INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State*

82

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Action

24433

ARA

1965 APR 28 PM 7 46

Info

SS

NSC

INR

OPR

OC

OCM

OCT

RMR

EIC216
ZZ RUEHCR
DE RUESSD 233 282340Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SANTODOMINGO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 1156
STATE GRNC
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L APRIL 28

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.23.76

PLEASE REPEAT CRITIC SIX AND MESSAGES FROM NOW ON TO NEED-TO-KNOW ADDRESSESS. EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES STRAINED AND WE BEHIND EVEN ON FLASH MESSAGES. FROM NOW ON WILL USE ONLY SECSTATE UNLESS SUBJECT MATTER INDICATES NEED DIRECT ACTION OTHER ADDRESSEES. BENNETT
GP-3
CFN 1156
BT

ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O, 4/28/65, 7:46 p.m.

NOTE: PASSED WHITE HOUSE, DOD, CIA, CINCLANT, 4/28/65, 7:50 p.m.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

M 127

~~EUA~~
P
S
~~A~~

3

~~SECRET~~

April 28, 1965

TELECONFERENCE BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND

DECLASSIFIED
Authority STATE 3.1.76
By LW, NARS, Date 3.23.76

ON

American Embassy, Santo Domingo

~~SECRET~~

(10)

P-1

RUESSD DE RUEHOR

28 630 pm EDT

TELECON: 28/22397 UNDER SECY BALL

PRESENT: DEPUTY UNDER SECY MANN
ASS'T SECY VAUGHN
DEPUTY ASS'T SECY SAYR
MR. KENNEDY CROCKETT
EXECUTIVE SECY BEN READ

SUBJECT: DOMINICAN SITUATION

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~

0000

SECSTATE ITEM 1 28/2242Z

WE HAVE AUTHORIZED TASK FORCE 44.9 TO LAND MARINES IN NECESSARY STRENGTH TO ESTABLISH SECURE POINT OR POINTS FOR EVACUATION U.S. NATIONALS AND OTHER FOREIGNERS. TASK FORCE WILL EXECUTE ON AMBASSADOR'S ORDERS.

SECURE POINT OR POINTS WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR DURATION OF EMERGENCY SITUATION.

WE INTEND ISSUE STATEMENT HERE EXPLAINING:

(1) THIS ACTION TAKEN AS RESULT OF NOTIFICATION GIVEN US BY DOMINICAN AUTHORITIES THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO SAFEGUARD AMERICAN LIVES.

(2) WE CONTINUE TO DEPLORE SITUATION IN DOM-REP AND CALL ON BOTH SIDES TO CEASE FIRE;

(3) WE HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO SIT DOWN AND RECONCILE DIFFERENCES.

PROVIDE CURRENT SITREP.

END ITEM 1

P-3

~~SECRET~~

ITEM 2 28/2300Z

FIRST DRAFT OF ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE HERE FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC THAT AMERICAN LIVES ARE IN DANGER, THAT THE AUTHORITIES ARE UNABLE TO GUARANTEE THEIR SAFETY AND THAT THE ASSISTANCE FO UNITED STATES MILITARY PERSONNEL IS NEEDED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH THE EVACUATION OF THE SEVERAL HUNDRED AMERICANS STILL IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. OUR ASSISTANCE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO NATIONALS OF OTHER COUNTRIES RESIDING IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SOME OF WHOM HAVE ALREADY REQUESTED ASSISTANCE.

I AM SURE THAT THE DOMINICAN PEOPLE IN THIS HOUR OF THEIR TRIBULATION WILL UNDERSTAND THAT WE CONTINUE TO HOPE AND TO WORK FOR A CESSATION OF H HOSTILITIES, THE RESTORATION OF LAW AND ORDER AND THE SPEEDY RETURN TO THE NORMAL PROCESSES OF GOVERNMENT. END QUOTE.

END ITEM 2

~~SECRET~~

Panel

SECRET

TELECON NOTE 1
MARINES HAVE LANDED AND IN GOOD TIME
SINCE EVACUATION AREA ALREADY UNDER
FIRE FROM ERREGULAR FORCES

P-5

SECRET

SECSTATE ITEM 3 282305

ARE YOU IN TOUCH WITH TASK FORCE COMMANDER. YOUR ANSWER THIS QUERY SHOULD PRECEED ALL OTHERS.

END ITEM 3

SECRET

SDOM ITEM 2 HAVE ESTABLISHED DIRET COMMO FROM EMB AND ARE COMMUNICATING WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.

END ITEM 2

SECRET

P-7

SECRET

SECSTATE ITEM 4 282307Z

HOW MANY U.S. CITIZENS ARE STILL IN SANTO DOMINGO -- OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE?

ARE THERE CONCENTRATIONS AT LOCATIONS OTHER THAN THE HOTEL EMBAJADOR?

DO YOU WISH TO EVACUATE OFFICIAL DEPENDENTS?

END ITEM 4

SECRET

P-8

SECRET

SDOM ITEM 44 (REF)
APPROX 1000 ALL OF WHICH DO NOT
DESIRE TO LEAVE.MANY PERMANENT RESIDENTS
RELUCTANT.

NO OTHER CONCENTRATIONS THAN AT HOTEL EMBAJADOR.

SOME PEOPLE ARE IN EMB CHANCERY AND WILL GIVE
REFUGE IN RESIDENCE TONIGHT

TO EXTENT POSSIBLE.

IN EVENT ADDITIONAL MARINE PLATOON NOW SUPPLEMENTING
EMB SECURITY GUARD.

IS ABLE TO COVER RESIDENCE ON SAME PROPERTY
AS WELL.

EVACUATION ROUTE THROUGH HAINA NO LONGER
BEING USED.

MANY OFFICIAL DEPENDENTS HAVE ALREADY
DEPARTED.

R-5

P-9

SECRET

SDOM ITEM-3

CURRENT SITREP

PRESENT SITUATION IS THAT SECOND INCRMENT 300 MARINES NOW LANDING AT EMBAJADOR HOTEL TO PROTECT AMERICANS WHO ARE UNDER FIRE THERE AND WHO HAVE ASKED FOR AUTHORITY TO SHOOT TO DEFEND THEMSELVES, WHICH WE HAVE GIVEN THEM. APPARENTLY PLATOON EARLIER SENT THERE WAS NOT ADEQUATE TO COVER BOTH HELIOPORT AT POLO FIELD AND HOTEL. WE HOPE THAT WITH ADDITIONAL REINFORCEMENTS THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE.

ONE PLATOON MARINES CAME BY CAR FROM EMBAJADOR TO GUARD EMBASSY CHANCERY AND ARE NOW IN POSITION ALONG WITH SOME 38 POLICEMEN. THEY CLAIM THEY CAN DEFEND PERIMETER AGAINST SMALL ARMS ATTACK, BUT WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY CONTAINING SITUATION IF REBELS BRING IN MORTARS, ARTILLERY, OR TANKS, ALL OF WHICH THEY HAVE AT THEIR DISPOSAL.

END ITEM 3

SECRET

P-10

SECRET

SDOM ITEMS

FRENCH GOVT HAS SENT SENT TRANSPORT MEDOC TO TAKE OFF FRENCH NATIONALS.

SECRET

P-11

~~SECRET~~

SDOM
ITEM 4

I HAVE TOLD DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS THAT WE WOULD OFFER PROTECTION TO ANY MEMBERS CORPS WHO MIGHT WISH GO TO EMBAJADOR

COLOMBIAN AMB. HAS ASKED WHETHER WE CAN SUPPLY MARINES FOR PROTECTION OTHER EMBASSIES. BUT I AM TELLING HIM WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH MARINES FOR THAT PURPOSE.

R-8

P-12

~~SECRET~~

ITEM 6

PRD SECRETARY GENERAL MARTINEZ FRANCISCO JUST HEARD OVER AIR FORCE RADIO, SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY AFTER PAPAL NUNCIO AND ACCOMPANIED BY LATTER DURING REMARKS.

MARTINEZ READ AGREEMENT HE SAID HE HAD REACHED WITH MILITARY JUNTA. AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR:

A. UNCONDIONAL RESIGNATION OF JUAN BOSCH.

B. WIDE GUARANTEES AND FREE CONCURRENCE OF PEOPLE TO ELECTIONS SUPERVISED BY OAS; MARTINEZ THEN READ MESSAGE JUNTA HAD SENT TO OAS REQUESTING IT MMEDIATELY SEND STUDY MISSION TO DETERMINE WHEN SITUATION WOULD PERMIT FREE ELECTIONS;

C. PRD MEMBERS ARE GUARANTEED SECURITY UNLESS THEY HAVE BEEN GUILTY OF CRIMES (NOT CLEAR WHETHER DURING REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD ONLY OR IF ALSO DURING PERIOD LEADING UP TO IT);

D. PRD IN TURN PLEDGES RESPECT RESULTS OF ABOVE ELECTIONS.

MARTINEZ ENDED WITH EXHORTATION THAT ALL DEPOSE ARMS.

EXTREME DIFFICULT JUDGE WHAT REBEL REACTION WILL BE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW FACT MARTINEZ AT NO TIME CLAIMED BY SPEAKING FOR BOSCH HIMSELF.

~~SECRET~~

SECRET

P-13

IT IS TO BE HOPED ACCORD WILL AT LEAST BE ABLE SPLIT OFF SOME NON EXTREMISTS FROM REBEL CAUSE.

NUNCIO IS APPARENTLY NOW TRYING DO SOMETHING SIMILAR WITH MOLINA URENA WHO IS IN COLOMBIAN EMBASSY AND IS BRINGING LATTER INTO CONTACT WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF MILITARY JUNTA.
I HAVE GIVEN FULL SUPPORT TO THESE MEDIATION EFFORTS AND WE ASSISTED IN GETTING PASS, TRANSPORT, AND ESCORT FOR MARTINEZ FRANCISCO FROM HIS ASYLUM IN MEXICAN EMBASSY TO SAN ISIDRO.

SECRET